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THREE REEVES SEEK RE-ELECTION

October?

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Haliburton County residents and, in fact, much of the population of Southern Ontario, gazed in utter disbelief at this October countryside that greeted them one morning last week. For two weeks or more now daily blizzards have punctuated what has been for the most of us a most unseasonable October. This photograph was taken along a stretch of the South Lake - Minden Road.

With the area's bi-annual municipal elections just over a month away the reeves of three of Haliburton County's largest municipalities this week declared their intentions of seeking re-election.

For each of the three reeves up for re-election, Dysart's Murray Fearrey, Minden's Reg Booth and Stanhope's Sinc Nesbitt, another two year term as reeve of their respective municipalities will provide the opportunity to see current projects through to their completion.

To popular Murray Fearrey there are three projects now under way in Dysart that he would like to see through to the finish: completion of Phase Two of the Haliburton Sewage Treatment Project; the completion of the municipality's Official Plan, including passage of the bylaws needed to implement it; and completion of the newly-begun Dysart Roads' Needs Study.

To Minden's busy Reg Booth there are also three very special projects he would like to see through to their completion.

One is Minden's long-promised sewerage project while the second is the construction of a much-needed water storage tower and the extension of water services with proper water pressure throughout the system.

In continuing to press for both projects Reeve Booth maintains they should be paid for only by those using them.

Third on his list is to have Highway 35 at Highway 121 updated next year as promised by the Province as well as the entrances to Minden improved.

Stanhope's equally busy and popular reeve, Sinc Nesbitt,

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Thieves loot automotive supply firm

Professional thieves whom police believe 'knew what they were doing' made off with some $1,300-worth of tools and automotive supplies from Skyline Automotive Supply over the weekend.

The breakin was discovered Sunday afternoon by proprietor Roland Latourneau in a routine check of the premises.

Police believe the thieves broke in early Sunday morning by taping, then smashing a window in an adjoining building, then cut through the roof to get into the Skyline premises. They got out by removing a deadbolt lock from the Skyline door and took with them a quantity of tools, meters, gauges, battery chargers and tenting equipment.

Police say fingerprints found at the scene should lead to one or more arrests.

(See photos p. 7)

Pellets hit woman in hunting mishap

An Oshawa woman escaped with minor injuries two weeks ago after she was accidentally shot in the head, neck and arm while partridge hunting with her husband near their Little Glamor Lake cottage.

The deadening effect of the brush on the pellets is believed to have saved her from serious injury.

According to police June Lawton, 52, had gone hunting with her husband Barnard, 55, and their son Ken, 19, in dense bush about half a mile from their cottage mid-afternoon on October 13.

While her son moved off to her husband's left, Mrs. Lawton moved to his right and about 100 feet to the rear. Out of her sight and unknown to her he stopped for a moment.

Moments later, as he moved off, a partridge broke out of the heavy brush in front of him and swung to the right. Mr. Lawton fired, some eight pellets striking his wife on the head, neck and left arm, breaking the skin.

Mrs. Lawton received first aid treatment at hospital in Haliburton and was then released.

Investigation by Provincial Constable Al Barnes.

Students late as bus crashes

Two Archie Stouffer Public School students were somewhat late for school last Friday morning, but otherwise unhurt, after the school bus in which they were riding to school collided with a pick-up truck on the Brady Lake Road shortly before 7.30 am.

According to police the bus, driven by James F. Foster, 47, of R.R. 2, Minden was westbound on its way to pick up pupils at Brady's Lake when it collided with an eastbound pick-up truck while rounding a narrow curve, went into the ditch and struck a rock.

Neither the two student passengers on the bus, the bus driver nor truck driver Allen M. Austen, 58, of Minden were hurt in the collision.

Investigation by Provincial Constable Jim Martin.

Halo?

Hello was spelled 'halo' for two Haliburton Village ministers last Friday morning when they were struck by a car but escaped serious injury as they chatted across the road from the high school.

See HALO? P. 3

The Chamber

with

bob stinson

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Are you aware of what effect the Ontario Government's 'Reform on Property Taxation' may mean to you? We rather doubt it - in fact all the tax experts at the Ontario Chamber of Commerce are far from sure either. A committee known as the Blair Commission has been holding meetings for sometime and accepting briefs on the subject but the government has released such a sketchy picture of the program the Ontario Chamber in their brief say they cannot intelligently make proposals because they simply do not have enough information to go on.

We attended the panel discussion in Peterborough last week sponsored by the Kawartha Tourist Assoc. From what we learned there we will attempt to give you a basic idea of how it will apparently affect our area.

The initial stage of the program is the initiation of Market Value Assessment. Most people seem to be in agreement with this concept. In 1977 you will receive an assessment notice that should relate to the actual value of your property. At present it is difficult to tell if we are being assessed fairly or not, since our assessment bears no resemblance to market value.

The next step is the method of arriving at the tax you will pay based on this assessment. Under the proposed scheme residential property and farms would appear to gain, since homeowners will be assessed at only 50% of the market value, and farmers will be assessed only on their residence, at the same 50%, with the province paying the bill on their farm property at 100%. Owners of housekeeping cottage resorts also get a break here apparently, since they are viewed by the province as residences rather than businesses (providing they do not supply linen). It may even pay others in the accommodation business to get busy and install efficiency units and get rid of their linen.

All other businesses have cause for concern. Taxes will be based on the full market value PLUS 50%. Now, of course, the local mill rate would be drastically changed to coincide with these changes but simple arithmetic tells you that all businesses would be paying 3 times as much tax as a homeowner or housekeeping cottage operator with a property of similar value. No allowance is made for whether you are in town on services or out in the bush providing your own. No allowance is made for the fact that most tourist operations require large parcels of land which will inflate the value of their property without necessarily increasing their earning capacity.

The government say they have used the Niagara area as a test case and found their formula in most cases did not cause any undue redistribution of the tax load. They used this area in their test because it represented a good cross section of all types of taxpayers. That may be fine for Niagara, but how about an area such as Haliburton where there is a narrow base of taxation. The load falls on two types of taxpayers, small business, much of which is seasonal, and residential. Instead of farms from which some municipalities will receive healthy cheques from the province, (which we as taxpayers will have to help pay) we will get nothing for our vast acreages of unpatented crown land. We have no big industry to help carry the load. The government has promised that residential taxes, on the average, will go down and that only leaves one place to pick up the difference. Can you afford it?

Now we must stress that these proposals are just that at the moment - proposals, but the Blair Commission are now winding up their meetings and there is very little time before it will be law. By the time you receive your 1977 assessment notice, and can actually figure out your taxes, they will be law. All you can do then is appeal your assessment, but not the taxation formula.

If you feel, as we do, that these proposals are wrong, then we suggest you start writing letters now. Write to: Municipal Finance Branch, Ministry of Treasury, Economic and Intergovernment Affairs, Frost Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario. M7A 1Z2.

We might also suggest if you are writing that you send a copy of your letter to us at the Chamber office, and one to John Eakins, your M.P.P.

Busy, Busy!

Minden's Sunnybrook Bridge may be blocked to traffic, but for the past week it's been the busiest spot in town as workmen rush to refurbish the bridge's concrete decking and sidewalks. Goal is to complete the cement work before freeze-up when the bridge will be reopened to traffic until the Spring. Then a brief closing will see the bridge paved and the $86,000 project completed.

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Dedicate painting to culvert victim

A small gathering last Saturday at the new Stanhope Library was on hand for the dedication of a special painting to the memory of Mrs. Helen Hickman, a tragic victim last Spring in the Hawk Lake culvert collapse. The painting was donated to the Schramm-Hickman Fund by artist Jane McGill and was dedicated to Mrs. Hickman by her relatives and friends.

Rev. Don Nicholson of the United Church in Haliburton conducted the dedication of the painting and its presentation to the Stanhope Library. Also on hand were Reeve Sinc Nesbitt, Master of Ceremonies Alex Stevenson, Mrs. Elgin Stouffer and Mrs. Mary Packard who spoke briefly.

Along with the painting, a table and four chairs were purchased and dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Hickman's two grandchildren, Gordon and Karen Schramm, age 9 and 7, who perished in the accident with their grandmother. A special plaque is to be placed in the centre of the table. Here Mrs. Iris Adamson (left), one of the organizers of the Hickman-Schramm Memorial Fund, Reeve of Stanhope Township, Sinclair Nesbitt and Alex Stevenson, Master of Ceremonies at the dedication ceremonies.

Halo?

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According to police a pedestrian, Rev. Donald Nicholson, 31, of Haliburton United Church, was chatting at the side of the road with Lakeside Baptist Church minister, Rev. John Smith, 43, who was behind the wheel of his van, when a westbound car driven by Daniel Schilbach, 21, of Haliburton went out of control and struck both the van and Rev. Nicholson.

The spinning car ended up in front of the van and facing the high school across the road.

Only injury was to Rev. Nicholson who complained of minor pain following the crash.

Damage to the two vehicles amount to $900.

Investigation by Provincial Constable Boyd Jarvis.

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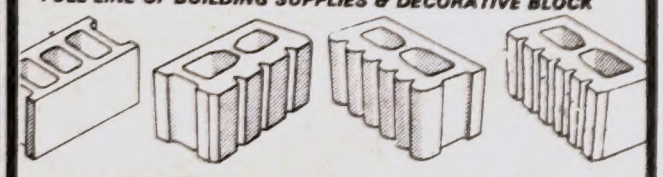

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Editorially

Real Boon

Last week's announcement of a soon-to-be-opened Canada Manpower office in Haliburton should prove a very real boon to the people of this county. Until now, persons seeking assistance from Canada Manpower had to travel to Peterborough, a 100-mile or more round trip that most seeking work could ill-afford.

Whether you are looking for a job, a worker or simply wish to explore the possibility of retraining, this centrally located and local Canada Manpower office will be a great convenience.

Congratulations to Canada Manpower, the Unemployment Insurance Commission and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Do It Now

Child rapist Allistair George Hardy was stabbed to death last week in Millhaven Penitentiary, apparently by other inmates.

He was serving a five-year term following his conviction last summer of raping a 9-year-old ward of the Children's Aid Society whom he'd been allowed to take on an overnight camping trip.

Certainly, there will be little if any sympathy for Hardy, his sordid acts and equally sordid death. However, there should be very real concern for the state of our penal institutions.

When a person is sent to a penitentiary for committing a crime such as Hardy's it would appear that the court is in reality sentencing him to death...at the hands of other criminal inmates.

In fact there appears to be a regular jungle society complete with its own kangaroo court, executioners and enforcers, dominating the 'inside' of each and every Canadian penitentiary.

Seemingly, inmates can riot, take hostages, destroy property, maim and even kill with impunity while authorities simply cluck in anguish, then grant the inmates most if not all of their demands.

Meanwhile, it costs the suffering Canadian taxpayer about $16,000 a year to keep these animals caged.

Not only must control of our penitentiaries and their inmates be returned to the penal authorities, but every means must be taken to make sure that the authorities exercise this control totally and at all times.

And do it now!

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A Growing Menace

Report from Queen's Park

by John Eakins, M.P.P.

The Ontario Legislature will reconvene on Tuesday, October 26, and already every indication points to a very busy and eventful session. As you are aware, the matter of government closing of hospitals in the Province will be debated once more, and this Government policy has been strenuously opposed by the general public and opposition members. The Farm Income Stabilization Bill will prove another contentious issue and earlier this year the plan initially put forward by the Government was defeated in the House and led to a non-confidence debate. Public concern about inflation and its effect on our daily lives will certainly be a major issue once again, and with the onset of winter and the recently announced increased hydro costs the energy problem will also be a matter of great concern.

It is anticipated that the Government will introduce most of its proposed new legislation on opening day, and we already have on the order paper bills on corporate tax, succession duty, credit unions, and personal property security. There will also probably be a number of private members bills proposed during this session.

One of the first items slated for debate is the report of the Morrow Committee on the Camp Commissions recommendations on which I reported to you some weeks ago. The report of the Select Committee on the bulk rate of Ontario Hydro is also to be discussed as are reports from two other Select Committees of the Legislature - one on highway safety and the other on trucking in the province.

A major debate on land use in Ontario is expected. Many people have been concerned about the necessity for firm guide lines to prevent short shighted developments which take valuable farm land out of production, encourage unnecessary urban sprawl and destroy our natural resources, with little consideration of the possibility that we might simultaneously improve living and working conditions for the people of Ontario without causing irreversible damage to our environment. At the same time we must protect the ownership rights of our farmers and other citizens whose land is a major part of their material investment.

The supplementary estimates of the Provincial Ombudsman are to be debated as well as the report on land deals in the Pickering area in connection with the now cancelled (at least postponed) second Toronto airport.

A debate on the constitution is also anticipated and there seems every liklihood that there will be a debate on confidence in the Government. Also, a number of members have not yet made their contribution to the Debate on the Budget. Of course it is now more than six months since the Treasurer brought down his Budget but 'The Budget Debate' provides an excellent opportunity for M.P.P.'s to bring to the attention of the Government and Legislature their views and concerns about Government policy and matters which are of importance to the people in the riding and in the province generally.

On November 11th, most members of the Legislature will return to their ridings to participate in Remembrance Day services. This past year Legion Branches throughout the country have been commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion. I am sure most of you are well aware that our Legions play an important role in society today as they have always done over the past fifty years. Naturally the Legion is primarily concerned with veterans and their families. This does not mean that its members are constantly pre-occupied 'looking over their shoulders' so to speak. They are actively and enthusiastically committed to improving the present day circumstances of those who are experiencing financial or other difficulties, and helping people to achieve fulfillment and success.

The Legion gives assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining pensions and benefits. The organization has sponsored low rental housing projects which have filled a great need at a time when Ontario's people have been faced with housing shortages and crippling high rents. Legion bursaries, public speaking contests, and Remembrance Day literary competition provide inspiration and encouragement to students at the elementary and secondary school levels, and each year something like 20,000 young people participate in Legion track and field events culminating in a provincial championship.

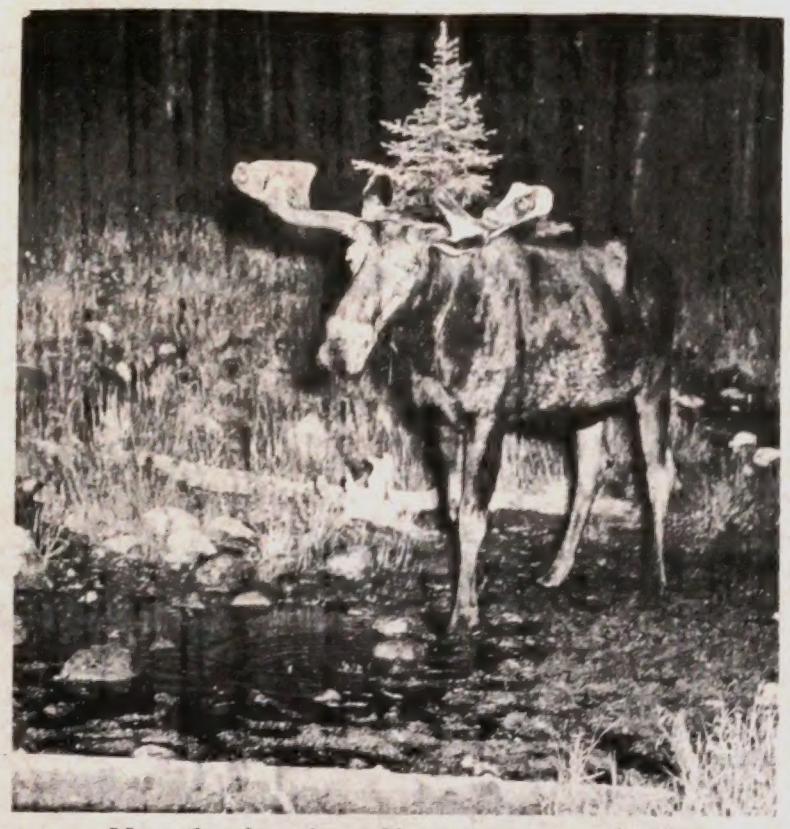
I hope many of you will join with me on Remembrance Day in paying tribute not only to those, who at great personal sacrifice defended our way of life against the force of war, but also to Legion members who in times of peace continue to play an important role in preserving that way of life which they consider to be every Canadian's birthright.

See you next week.

outdoors

2 Week moose hunt costs $400

As recently as 10 to 12 years ago, you could pick up a hunting friend, throw a tent and sleeping bag into the car, drive to your favorite moose lake, hunt for a day or two, bag a moose and drive home.
The entire trip, including licence, probably cost no more than $100.
Today, with nearly 100,000 hunters after Ontario moose, you've got to go beyond the end of the road to be reasonably sure of sighting a moose, and your hunt can cost a lot of money. The average cost now-a-days of a moose hunt will run around $400. That's about the minimum cost if you live in Southern Ontario and hunt in the north. To fly in and out by charter aircraft and hire a butcher to cut up the meat. If you want a guide it will cost an additional $300.



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Electors should examine the list to ensure that their names and relevant information are correctly shown thereon.

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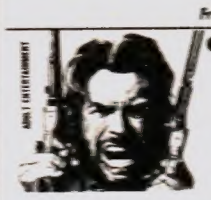
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Mabel Sawyer. 714-1p

Special thanks to Dr. P. Brady, nurses and staff of Minden Red Cross Hospital and thanks to the ambulance for taking me to Ross Memorial Hospital and thanks to Dr. Manmohansingh and other doctors and all nurses and staff on Emergency Ward and thanks to nurses on third floor who took care of me twice, and thanks for all the nice cards, gifts, phone calls while I was so ill. Also thanks to Dr. Winters in Ross Memorial Hospital.
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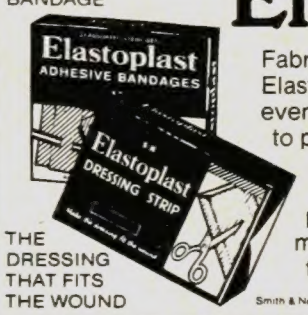

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The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads,

And Mamma in her kerchief and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap.
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave a luster of midday to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer;

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came.
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them
by name:
'Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer!
and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!'

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,

So up to the house-top the coursers they flew
With a sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too.

And then in a twinkle, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothers were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry.
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf.
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.

A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down on a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,

'Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night.'

Hi! and Merry Christmas to Everyone!

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Xmas Wishes

I would like to say thanks to all my friends for the way they treat me as I wheel around the roads and streets in and around Minden. I would also include our summer visitors-they all treat me so well as if I was a big shot-I am sure I will never forget their kindness. I wish you all a Merry Xmas and a Healthy New Year.

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'Twas the Night Before Christmas

At this happy moment of the year, we pause to greet you and do wish you a Christmas filled with delight.

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today's health

The good Christmas host keeps a check on the drinks

by David Woods

What's the likely response to a Christmastime get-together without booze?

Boos, of course.

Frankly, you're mistaken if you think you'll incur the displeasure of friends and neighbors if you refuse to serve them alcohol. Some might be offended, but you may be surprised to find that the majority would enjoy a non-alcoholic party, or one where alcohol is kept to a minimum, perhaps even more than a party where alcohol is flowing freely.

This, after all, is the season for all good hosts to come to the aid of the partygoer by recognizing that the festive spirit doesn't all come out of a bottle . . . by realizing that seasonal fellowship and goodwill cannot be poured into people.

You don't need to be a party pooper, or a Scrooge, to celebrate with your guests in a way that doesn't equate being groggy and pie-eyed with having fun.

For those who prefer to drink something other than alcohol — make alternatives available: coffee, for instance, or a fruit punch. For those on the stronger stuff, you don't have to issue a ration book; but you can keep their drinks to measured one-ounce shots, increasing the amount of mix as the evening wears on.

A further consideration of your guests' livers — and perhaps their lives when you think how many alcohol-related traffic accidents occur at this time of year — is to serve coffee and food at some point during the party. This won't sober up those who have had too much to drink, but it will separate them from the booze supply, enabling them to metabolize some of what they've consumed.

When it's time to call it a day, the host who's concerned for his guests' safety would do well to look closely at guests who are on their way home.

Never mind getting them to say "The Leith police dismisseth us." Those who look as though they'd have trouble driving safely should be given a lift by someone who can, or put in a taxi . . . or put up for the night. Many drinking drivers wind up not just with hangovers, but as headlines, especially at Christmas and New Year's for what you might call the *mourning* after.

Running a party where the guests enjoy themselves without seeing double or falling flat on their faces doesn't mean you have to be mean — just considerate. By being a good Christmas host, you help your guests live to attend next year's party.

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

St. Paul's Anglican Church

Rev. Douglas C. Brown

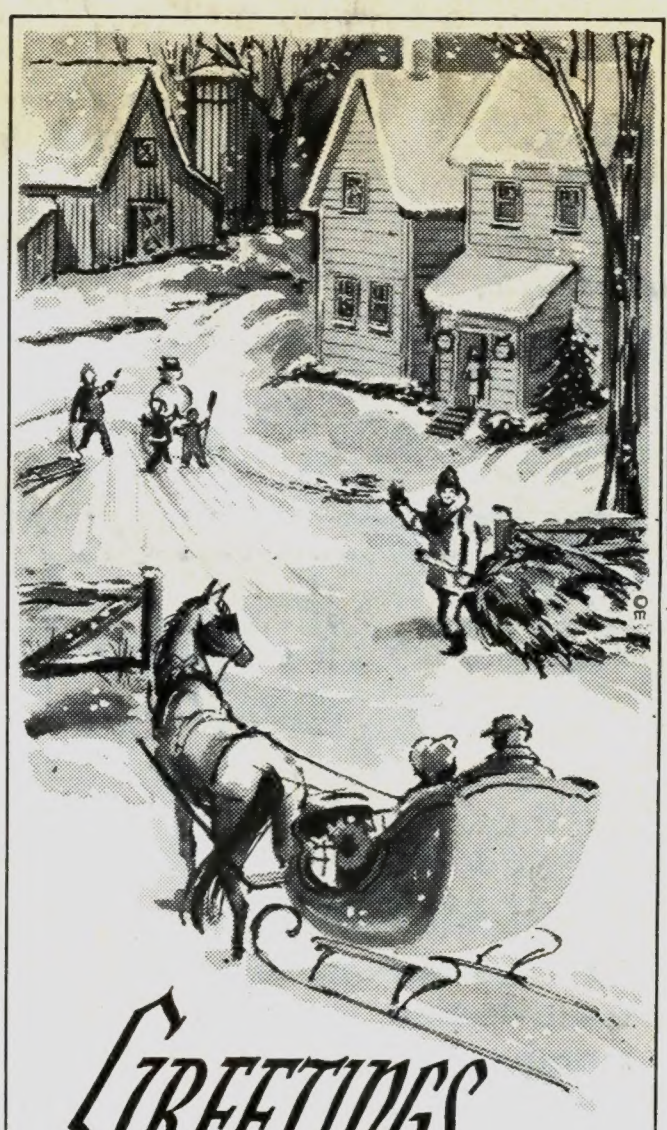
My dear friends,

Once again we find ourselves caught up in that most joyful season of the year with its hectic preparations, its parties, the happy music and the exchange of gifts, visits with friends and cards. It is a time when we and those around us eem to be at our best - more patient, more kind, more lving. It is a time for families to get together and a time for children with their enthusiasm and joy. It is a time when we sing and hear much about peace and brotherhood and a season when our hearts are warmed.

But if these blessings are not to be as fragile and transient as tinsel and wrapping paper, we must remember exactly what we are celebrating. We rejoice in God's love for us in that while we were yet sinners, He came out to meet and save us. The Eternal Word of God took upon Himself our flesh and our nature that we might come to share in the life of God. What was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary is nothing else but our salvation, and we must remember that the Babe of Bethlehem was born that He might offer Himself on the cross for us. But the love of God is seen at Christmas in the simplicity of an infant and in the humility of a stable. This must surely be the greatest mystery, the fulfillment of the hopes and longings of all men and all ages.

The peace of Christmas is grounded in our reconciliation to God in Christ and the brotherhood we sing of grows as we respond to the love of the God and Father of us all. It is my earnest prayer that this season will bring you all many blessings and that it will be a time of renewal and re-awakening. Let us make this past a celebration of faith, not sentiment and let us try to pass on the love which God has so abundantly given us.

A happy and blessed Christmas to all!



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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Minden Gospel Church

Pastor and Mrs. Ron Thornton

"Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matthew 1:23

God had made a birth announcement even before the actual event took place. He even proclaimed that the baby would be a boy.

One of the highlights of the birth of a baby is the choosing of a name. In Biblical times names were given which might depict the hopes or aspirations of the parents for the child. In this case, God chose the name of His Son, depicting the purpose for which He was sent to earth, as seen in Matthew 1:21, 'And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he sall save his people from their sins'.

In the Old Testament, the priest offered a lamb for a sacrifice for the sin of the people. The lamb had to be specially chosen, without marks or blemishes. When Jesus went to be baptized by John, John said, 'Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world'. (John 1:29). He recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy. He recognized Him as God's chosen sacrificial lamb on our behalf. The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem was the beginning of His journey to the cross of Calvary to be our Saviour.

Following His baptism, Jesus began His earthly ministry by choosing the disciples who would work with Him. He called Andrew to follow Him. 'He (Andrew) first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, 'We have found the Messiah', which is being interpreted, the Christ'. (John 1:41). Andrew recognized Jesus as 'the Christ' or 'God's anointed' or 'chosen one'. The name 'Jesus Christ' demonstrates the purpose of His birth. God came to earth in human form to reconcile the world to Himself. It is necessary for each individual to acknowledge Jesus Christ as God's Son, and to accept Him as their own personal Saviour and Lord.

After we accept God's gift of Jesus as our Saviour, His other name takes on special meaning. 'And they shall call His name Emmanuel...God with us'. When Jesus came to earth He became the 'God-Man'. He was the full revelation of God in Human form. John 1:18 states, 'No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared Him'. With Jesus Christ as our Saviour, we have 'God with us' at all times. He will give us the inner resources we need to live full, satisfying lives in a complicated, and often frustrating world. His strength and peace will be ours to face the problems and trials which come our way.

The joy we share with each other at Christmas is heightened when we grasp the true meaning of Jesus' birth. It is our desire that each one share with us the joy in knowing personally that God is with us.

From our family to yours we would wish you all a very meaningful Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

CHRISTMAS IS . . .

CHRISTMAS is the faith men have in all that is good in the world;

Christmas is the selfless spirit of doing for others;

Christmas is laughter and friendship and the spreading of cheer;

Christmas is the guileless wonder of childhood and the light of faith in young eyes on Christmas morn;

Christmas is the sweet joy of families united in person or spirit;

Christmas is the tender knowledge that you are loved by someone—and that you have someone to love;

Christmas is believing in prayer and in the Power that answers it;

Christmas is the right to sing of your belief in the way of your choice;

Let us keep it shining for all the world!

—Sunshine Magazine

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To all amigos and amigas, we render heartfelt appreciation this season for the loyal patronage shown to us.

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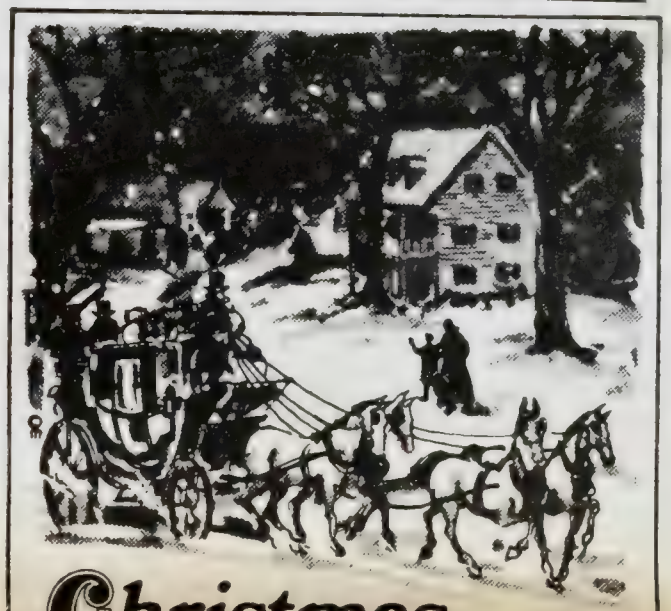

Christmas

. . . and we wish you the best of gifts: peace on earth, good will toward men! Thanks for your kindness and loyalty.

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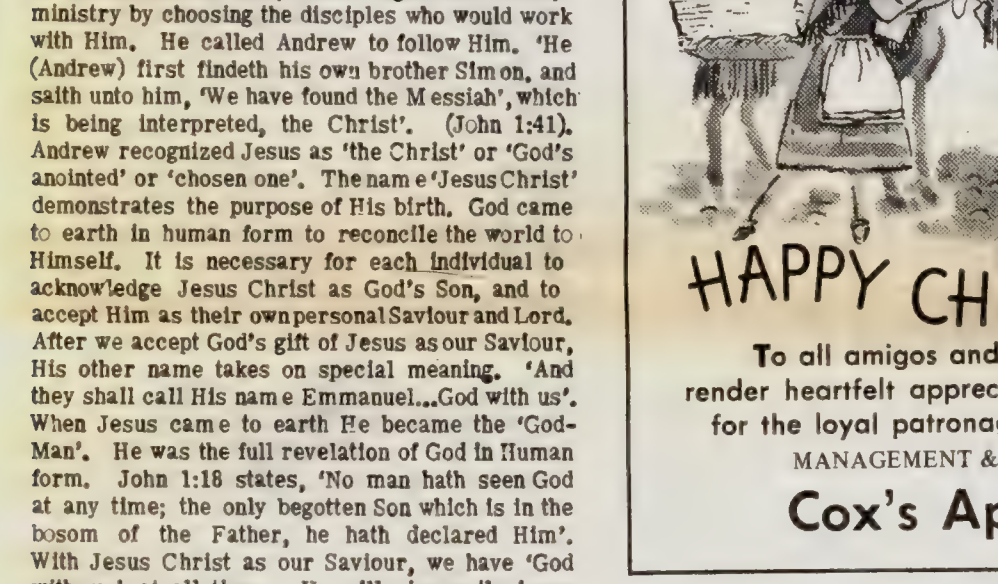

OLD-FASHIONED Christmas sentiments coming to you with sincere gratitude for your kind patronage.

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Our Lady Of Fatima Church

Father John L. Keeler

As we approach the great feast of Christmas, we naturally turn to the pages of Sacred Scripture for our information and instruction concerning the coming of the long awaited Messiah. It is from St. Luke, the sensitive portrayer of women, saints and penitents alike, that we learn of the Annunciation of the Saviour. We hear this amazed young girl, greeted by the Angel as 'full of grace', murmur her acceptance of the Divine Will...Mary was to be the Mother of God.

The third Evangelist is our only guide to the history of the census ordered by Rome, which obliged Joseph and Mary to leave the little Galilean village of Nazareth in order to go to Bethlehem in Judea, that they might be entered on the official registers. Luke alone helps us to picture to ourselves the humble couple vainly seeking a place in some overcrowded inn, and finally finding their only refuge, in a stable. There Mary brought the Christ-child into the world, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in the manger. Finally, without Luke we would know nothing of the angelic choir singing in the Palestinian night, as they give tidings to a few wonder-struck shepherds, of the coming of the Son of God.

It is by means of God's inspired Word that we are able to strip away the centuries, and go back to that 'night divine, when Christ was born'. There we find ourselves, as it were, making our way down the hillside with the hurrying shepherds, the 'Glory to God' still ringing in our ears, earnestly looking for the new-born King. At last we are kneeling with them in the cold and quiet night before the Son of the Most High, in that stable, in that manger, and beside Him is His Virgin Mother Mary. Christmas is so much more than trees and lights and gifts. Christmas is Christ, or it is not really Christmas at all. For each of us the Incarnation must mean faith and love and especially hope. It must mean recognizing the plan of God, and in fact the desire of God to touch our lives, to come into our hearts. Our world needs Christ today, perhaps as never before, with His love, reconciliation and peace. A 'Peace (He gives) on earth to men of Good Will'. This is surely the reason why He came: He became one of us so that we might be one with Him, our way, our truth and our light. May God bless you with a Holy and a Happy Chris[illegible].

We're issuing a dividend of good will and good cheer . . . along with our special thanks for all your continued confidence and loyalty.

Management and Staff
BANK OF MONTREAL
Haliburton

A Very Merry Christmas

In the spirit of this joyous season our very best wishes one and all. To the friends we have had the pleasure of serving, thanks.

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First Christmas Carols

The first carols were dance songs, or ring songs, sung by villagers around a Maypole, or to celebrate other festive occasions throughout the year, during the Middle Ages. Later they became more exclusively associated with Christmas.

The word "carol" derives from the Greek and Latin word "choraules" meaning "chorus." The phrase, "Christmas Carols" first appeared during the 16th century in England in little songbooks printed by Wynken de Worde and Richard Kele.

DANCE CAROLS — Best examples of these rounds or ring dances are still to be found in Sweden, where people dance around the tree singing many rollicking songs. Elsewhere, dance carols are merely sung, although many of the tunes are known to inspire dancing feet.

SHEPHERD CAROLS, of and about the shepherds to whom the angels appeared, and their coming to the stable with humble gifts are the most human and appealing accounts of Christ's birth. They were sung to accompany the vivid portrayals of this scene in the medieval "mystery" plays, which were common in England as well as all other European countries. Best known today is the traditional English carol, "While Shepherds Watched."

LULLABY CAROLS were among the earliest Christmas songs and like all cradle songs have a rocking, lilting rhythm and a simple melody. "Cradle rocking" carols or "Kindelwiegen" were a part of the church ritual in Germany and Austria.

A good example of this type of carol is the 16th century English carol, "What Child Is This?" which was sung to the 16th century dance tune, "Greensleeves." Another is the 19th century American anonymous carol, "Away In A Manger."

One of the most beautiful of all lullaby carols is the "Coventry Carol," which was a part of one of the English medieval "mysteries." It is sung by a group of women, portraying Bethlehem mothers just before Herod's soldiers slaughter their babies.

CAROLS OF THE MAGI — The arrival of the Magi with precious gifts for the Christ Child is the most picturesque and colorful part of all Christmas pageants. The Magi songs all tell this rich, spiritual story. Among the most familiar of these to Americans is "We Three Kings," the words and music for which were written by John Henry Hopkins, Jr. in the 19th century.

NATIVITY CAROLS — There are many varieties of these. The first hymns in honor of the Nativity were written in Latin during the 5th century, when Christmas was fully established as one of the great church feasts. It was not until the 13th century, when St. Francis of Assisi inspired his friends to write in their native tongue, that Nativity Songs were written for the people to sing. From Italy, these Nativity Songs spread throughout all Europe.

Two of the most familiar of these to us are: "Joy To The World," written by Isaac Watts in the 17th century and the 18th century German "Stille Nacht" (Silent Night) by Joseph Mohr. The original musical called for a guitar accompaniment.

LEGENDARY CAROLS spring from the folklore of people throughout the world inspired by superstitions and pre-Christian beliefs. One thing they have in common is that they all tell a story.

Most well known of these is the traditional English "I Saw Three Ships," "The Boar's Head Carol" both from the Middle Ages, the latter of which is still sung at Christmas dinner at Queens College, Oxford, as the boar's head is ceremoniously brought in. "Good King Wenceslas," written by J. M. Neale in the 19th century is about a fervent Christian Duke of Bohemia.

CAROLS OF CUSTOM deal with pre-Christmas customs that have become attached to Christmas celebrations. For example, the yule log and mistletoe of England go back to the Druids. Decking the halls with boughs of holly and evergreen come from the Hebrews, Egyptians, Romans and other ancient peoples, for whom the evergreens were symbolic of life triumphant over death. The wreath came originally from the ivy crown worn by Romans in Bacchanalian festivals. "Wassail" was the Anglo-Saxon drinking pledge, "Waes-Hael" which means "Be in health" and which was part of Early Saxon feasts.

"O Tannenbaum" (O Christmas Tree) the traditional German carol goes back to the early days of wandering tribes, who would always leave a grove of trees in the middle of the land they cleared.

CAROLS FOR THE TWELVE DAYS — During the 6th century, the 12 days from Nativity to Epiphany were declared a festive season, celebrated in medieval England by many gay customs including, jousts, banquets, caroling and "mumming," which originally was a sort of pantomime dance performed by masked and costumed groups. Best known of these carols are the traditional English "God Rest Ye Merry," and "The Twelve Days of Christmas," which is based on an old French rhyme and chant.

Jolly Good Wishes for Christmas

Santa's ringing out jolliest good wishes to all!

MANAGEMENT & STAFF AT

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Best holiday wishes and sincere thanks to you all!

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Keeping it clean

The tasteless Christmas gift

We all have them.

Relatives who buy us brown shoes for Christmas to go with our new black suit.

Or ridiculous fluorescent pyjamas and flowered shirts that left all of us looking for the batteries that made them glow in the dark.

Go through any home and you'll find them: a horsehair necktie here, a chartreuse nightie there or a pair of Roy Rogers bookends perched on a closet shelf as marble monuments to bad taste.

To avoid these Yuletide afflictions one desperate soul devised a clever scheme: Never buying any gifts, he simply rewrapped everything he got for Christmas, readdressed the parcels and happily sent them off to unsuspecting relatives.

He let THEM figure out what the monograms stood for...

Yes, we've all been victims.

But, like it or not, we've all been perpetrators though we've probably never stopped to consider our Christmas buying habits.

And what about the other 364 days of the year?

Consider just for a moment what it costs just to dispose of the things we buy.

In recent years the generation of garbage is continuing to increase at a rate greater than population growth. And so is the cost of handling it -- $70 million in southern Ontario alone in 1974.

Projecting that growth rate, solid waste will increase to 16 million tons in the next 20 years.

Environment Ontario's comprehensive waste management program is designed to convert domestic and industrial garbage to useful purposes -- re covering and recycling valuable resources from solid waste and creating badly needed energy supplies.

But the success of the program depends heavily on public support of the philosophy behind it.

And consumer support for reusable, sensibly packaged products is a very good beginning.

Consider it a New Year's resolution born on Christmas Day as you sit under the tree and contemplate the useless wrappings of an outdated philosophy.

Merry Christmas

We welcome this joyous season and share its peace and tranquility with our many friends.

Dave and Evelyn Dodds

ALLSAW GENERAL STORE

Christmas is the time for togetherness. Tenderness. Loving. And the greatest gift of them all — peace. Live it fully this season. Sincere gratitude to our patrons.

GULL RIVER BUILDING SUPPLIES

XL—Is That Dad or Uncle Charlie? Guidelines Help in Sizing Up Men

It's December 24th, you've found your way to the men's counter, and you're staring at stacks and piles of shirts. Clutching your Christmas gift list, you know Dad wants a blue striped shirt with long pointed collar.

That's when you realize you don't know his size. Is he XL or is that Uncle Charlie? Somehow you remember 15-4, or is that the beginning of his social security number?

Just about any size problem can be eliminated, says the Men's Fashion Association, if there's a little detective work at home before going to the store.

First thing to remember: do not rely on memory of last year's sizes. Men's measurements—especially waist measurements—may change in a year's time.

To get his correct shirt size, go through his shirt drawer. Both his neck size and sleeve length are imprinted on the inside of the collar bands. A typical marking would be 15 1/2-34 or 15 1/2-4.

In either case, the numbers indicate that his collar size is 15 1/2 and his sleeve length is 34. Short-sleeved shirts carry no sleeve lengths.

Once the size problem is straightened out, get him a stylist shirt with a long pointed collar in either the dressy French cuff or the new two-button barrel cuff.

Or, get him away from solid color shirts and into a mini-check or bold wide track stripes.

Sport shirts, especially knits, are usually sized S, M, L, XL, which means small, medium, large or extra large. Those markings, if not imprinted on the neckband, can often be found on a small fabric tag attached to the shirt.

If not, simply give his dress shirt size to the salesman and he will give you the correct sport shirt size.

Sport shirts come in any imaginable color, and turtlenecks and mock-turtles still look great under a sport shirt.

If he prefers a woven sport shirt, geometrics, stripes and herringbones are the current favorites.

Slacks are another practical item for Christmas giving. Newest slacks this year feature stovepipes, which means they are straight from the knee down, but flares are still most popular.

Patterned slacks continue to get stronger each year.

To find Dad's correct slack size, get the tape measure out of the sewing box. Find his waist size by measuring from the button or the clasp at the waistband around to the buttonhole.

Most slacks come in "even" waist sizes, ranging from 30 or 32 inches to 48 or 50 inches.

The other trouser measurement needed is inseam.

To determine Dad's correct inseam, measure the seam that extends from the crotch of the slacks to the bottom of the legs. Inseams usually come in full inches ranging from 28 to 33.

However, in uncuffed or unfinished bottoms, the store will usually arrange to finish them in the exact length.

Knowing Dad's waist size and shirt size is useful in buying other gifts—pajamas, robes, underwear, sweaters.

In Europe they call us "Canada Fats".

PARTICIPACTION

Greetings of the Holy Season

May the many blessings of Christmas fill your hearts with peace and happiness.

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GREETINGS

We're wishing all our neighbors and friends the best that Christmas has to offer, and much more. Many thanks for your loyal, continued patronage.

Cliff Newbatt Furniture-Appliances Sales & Service

MR. & MRS. DOUG MOORE & STAFF

Heigh-ho the merry-o! It's Christmas once again. And jolly Santa rides the range, carrying our good wishes and gratitude.

Management & Staff of

Ronald Wrightman BROKER

I'M SUPPOSED TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS IN OUR CHRISTMAS PLAY. BUT I THINK THEY WILL HAVE TO GET A BIGGER RAINDROP. MAYBE I CAN BE AN ELF.

you're whistling in the dark.

. . . if you haven t had your blood pressure checked lately. You could have high blood pressure and not know it. It can lead to stroke, heart and kidney failure. See your doctor—only he can tell.

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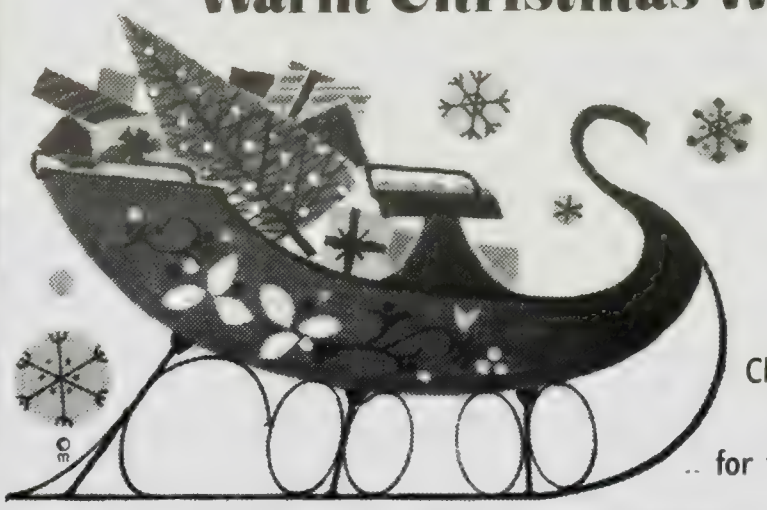
Warm Christmas Wishes



A sleigh full of cheery wishes is coming your way! Have a very merry Christmas Day! Our gratitude .. for your support.

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Yule Greetings Derived from European Languages

The word "Christmas" means the celebration of Christ, short for Christ's birthday.

"Noel" similarly is a shorthand word, coming to English through French from the Latin "Natalis," short for "natalis dies" or natal day. With a capital letter "Natalis" refers to Jesus' natal day.

The Italian "Natale" and Spanish "Navidad" (or Natividad) follow the same pattern. But "Weinachten," the German word for Christmas, means Holy Night or Blessed Night and refers to the Nativity only by implication.

"Yule" is an Old English or Anglo-Saxon word for Christmas, and there are similar words with similar meanings in German and the Scandinavian languages. Originally it probably referred to a pagan winter festival and became associated with the Nativity with the onset of the Christian era.

Holiday Safety

Make sure you and your family have a happy Christmas by taking a few precautions to avoid accidents that can mar your enjoyment. St. John Ambulance provides the following check list of things to do for a safe and injury free holiday season:

1. Be sure you Christmas Tree is standing in a pail of water to keep it from drying out.
2. Make sure your tree lights are in good condition with no frayed cords.
3. When decorating the tree be sure to use a sturdy step-ladder instead of a chair or stool.
4. Make sure that children's toys are sturdy and suitable for their age group.
5. For small children get presents that have no sharp edges.
6. Don't use flammable articles for decorations . . . . . .
7. Keep your tree a safe distance from a fireplace and be sure to use a fire screen to keep sparks from your floor and rugs.
8. Keep your sidewalks and steps freem from ice.
9. Make sure you and your children ski, skate, snowshoe, toboggan, or snowmobile in safe designated areas.
10. Enjoy winter sports without taking reckless chances.
11. Avoid painful frostbite by wearing the proper protective clothing.
12. Teach children not to eat berries, leaves or flowers of Christmas Plants such as Holly, Jerusalem Cherry, Mistletoe, and Poinsetta. They can cause digestive upset, intestinal irritation and sometimes vomiting.
13. Drive carefully when winter road conditions are icy or snow causes poor visibility.

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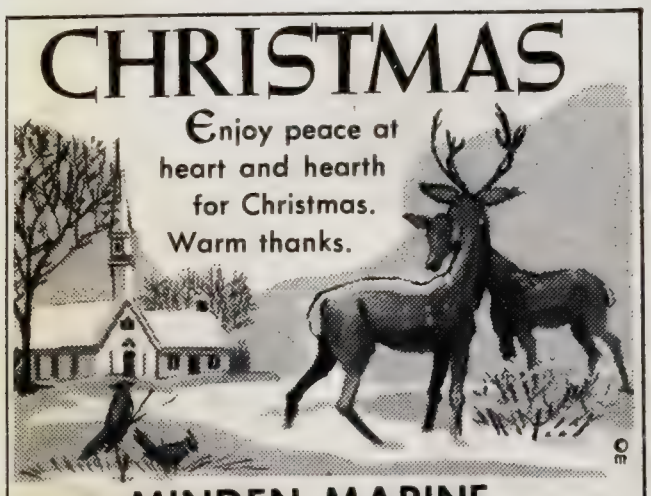

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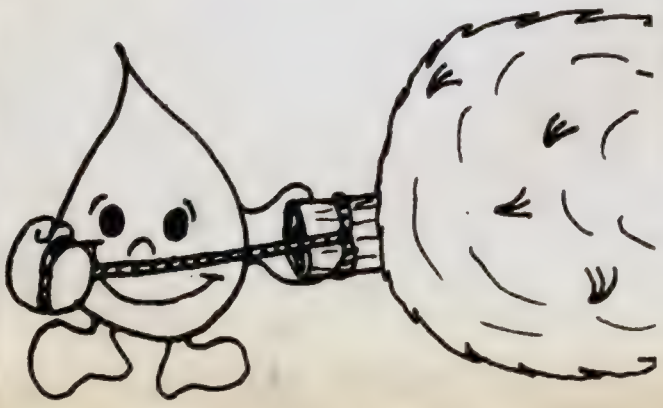

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Christmas Greetings

May your homes and hearts be filled with peace and contentment.
Thanks for your loyalty and support.

To all our Customers and Friends

BERTHA & ART KIRK

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We take this opportunity to extend warmest wishes to our many friends. Hope you are heading for the happiest holiday season ever!

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W.M. JACKSON PLUMBING

MINDEN - ONTARIO

Christmas Greetings

The gifts are all wrapped and ready for the big day. In the spirit of giving, we'd like to wish you a merry holiday.

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Old-Fashioned Wishes

We take this opportunity to wish all our friends a wonderful Christmas holiday!

FLOYD HALL LIMITED

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The Turkey...

How to thaw and cook your Christmas turkey

Moist and tender, browned to perfection, the Christmas turkey should be thawed carefully and cooked slowly, say food specialists of the Ontario Food Council, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

There are two ways to thaw the bird. If your refrigerator can accommodate the turkey, all you have to do is set the bird on a large tray to catch the drippings, puncture the bag, and wait. Allow 4 to 5 hours per pound. Thawing in this manner will keep the bird cold at all times. Keeping the bird cool is important - bacteria can't grow at cold temperatures.

If your refrigerator is stocked with other 'goodies' and can't take the turkey, an alternate thawing thethod is acceptable. Leave the bird in its original unopened wrapper. Place the turkey under cool running water. This process will take about one hour per pound. Remember, however, to keep the water cold. Running warm water will thaw the bird faster; but it will also effect the quality of the turkey and allow bacteria to grow and multiply.

Defrosting at room temperature is not recommended. At room temperatures (68 to 72 degrees), the surface of the bird thaws quickly, while the inside is still frozen. The surface temperature of the meat will be above 40 degrees for some time (40 degrees is the temperature at which bacteria start to multiply). If you still choose to thaw at room temperature, be sure to puncture the bag and place the bird on a tray, tilting it in such a way as to let the juices run off.

As soon as the turkey is thawed, it should be cooked, or refrigerated. You can allow, at the most, one day's delay in cooking, but the bird will have to be refrigerated.

To assure a tasty, juicy, tender turkey, cooking time is most important. Tke the turkey from the refrigerator only one hour before putting in the oven. This allows enough time to stuff the turkey. Poultry should not be stuffed ahead of time.

Roasting at 325 degrees is most satisfactory. Whether you stuff or not, the total cooking time will be the same. Roast with thermometer in thight to 185 degrees or thermometer in stuffing to 165 degrees. If you don't have a thermometer, you will have to rely on a clock and calculate the time according to the size of the bird.

Whole Turkey - Roasted at 325 Degrees

8 lbs. - 3-3/4 to 4-1/2 hrs.
12 lbs. - 4-3/4 to 5-1/2 hrs.
16 lbs. - 5-1/2 to 6 hrs.
20 lbs. - 5-3/4 to 6-1/2 hrs.
24 lbs. - 6-1/2 to 7 hrs.
(Above weight is eviscerated weight)

TAKE CARE OF LEFTOVER TURKEY

As soon as the Christmas dinner is over, food specialists at the Ontario Food Council, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, suggest you take care of the leftover turkey before you take care of the dishes--or even your guests.

Leftover turkey must be refrigerated or frozen as soon as dinner is over. If it's left at room temperature, it dteriorates very quickly.

Here's what you do. Take all the meat off the carcass. Leave in as big pieces as possible to prevent drying. Wrap and refrigerate if you plan to use it within two or three days; or freeze it the following way. Wrap the meat snugly in heavy-duty aluminum foil or in durable plastic freezer bags. Make the bundles of a size suitable for one meal. The smaller sizes or pieces of meat can be placed in rigid freezer containers and covered with gravy. Pour leftover gravy into freezer containers, leaving ½inch headspace for expansion. Package leftover stuffing separately.

Label all of these to be used within two months. Freeze immediately. And, finally break up the carcass and put it into the refrigerator if you plan to make soup within a couple of days.

Now, you can get back to the festiviteis, knowing that your turkey leftovers will be safe to eat.

HI! MERRY CHRISTMAS

Frosty and the Mrs. are delivering our holiday message: be cheerful. Thanks for trusting us.

YAKE ELECTRIC

ONLY YOU CAN GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas one and all. Hope it's abundant in joy and peace. Thanks to all.

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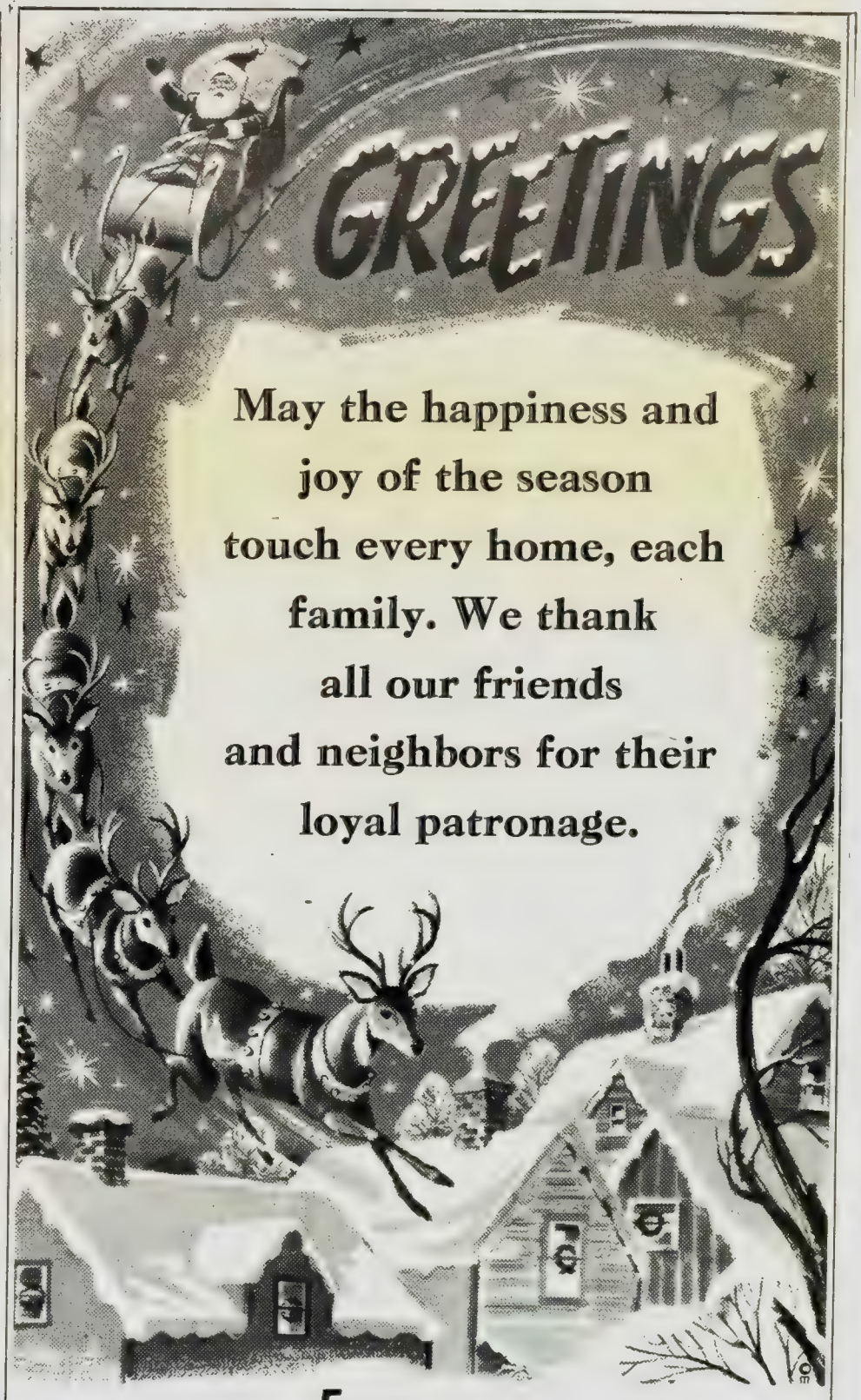

May the happiness and joy of the season touch every home, each family. We thank all our friends and neighbors for their loyal patronage.

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...and other Goodies

Crown Roast of Pork - Start a New Holiday Tradition

Feature a glorious Crown Roast of Pork this festive season for a special company dinner or family dinner. You will find it an exciting change from the usual roast beef or stuffed turkey. You might start a brand new tradition of your own.

A Crown Roast of Pork is beautiful in itself and has the trimmings of a holiday meal – savory stuffing, spiced crabapples. With cranberry sauce, brussels sprouts with water chestnuts, ginger-glazed carrots, mashed potatoes, gravy and a Waldorf salad followed by pumpkin pie you have a delicious dinner everyone will enjoy.

Have your meatman custom-size a pork crown roast to fit the crowd at your table. Give him sufficient notice to prepare the crown. It will keep loosely wrapped in your refrigerator for a day or two.

For a crown roast the 7 to 10 centre ribs of the pork loin are used. They are turned with rib side out and tied. Two rib sections can be tied together for a bigger roast – 12 - 14 - 16 rib.

To make your own Crown Roast, have your meatman saw through the ribs at their base where they join the backbone. At home all the equipment you will need is a sharp knife. Use it to cut away the backbone, chine and feather bones. (These bones are the base or bottom bones of a loin.) Do not remove the ribs. Remove 1 to 1 1/4 inch strips of meat from top of ribs, then remove the little bit of meat between the ribs. Now you have a French Loin Roast, For a Crown Roast, turn the rib side to the outside (the fat layer will be inside). Form into a crescent or crown shape bringing cut ends together so they can be tied firmly. (Thread heavy cord into a large-eyed darning needle then stitch ends together by lacing cord through cut ends. Tie ends to hold crown firmly in shape. Also tie roast securely around loin at bottom of ribs.

Crown Roast of Pork

1 - 4 to 5 pound crown roast of pork, 8 - 9 ribs
Thyme
Clove of garlic, cut
3 cups Apple Sage Stuffing, if desired

Place roast on rack in open roasting pan with rib ends up. Cover each rib end with a small piece of foil. Rub roast with thyme and garlic. Insert meat thermometer in loin part of roast, making sure the tip does not rest on bone. Roast in a 325 degrees F oven 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 hours until meat thermometer reads 170 degrees F. Centre of crown can be filled with stuffing for the last hour of roasting time. Cover stuffing with a small piece of foil. Extra stuffing can be cooked in a greased casserole during the last hour of the roasting time. Place roast on bed of stuffing on platter. Remove foil from rib ends. Place a spiced crabapple on every other rib end to represent the "jewels" in the crown. Surround roast with more crabapples and sprigs of parsley. Crown roast can be left unstuffed. Plan on one rib per serving, about three servings per pound.

Apple Sage Stuffing

1/2 cup pork trimmings from roast
1 medium onion, chopped
1/2 cup chopped celery
2 apples, unpeeled and chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon sage
1/2 teaspoon thyme
3 cups soft bread crumbs
1/2 cup chicken stock or milk

Brown pork trimmings in frypan. Add onion, celery and chopped apple; stir and cook about 4 minutes over medium heat. Season with salt, sage and thyme. Stir in bread crumbs. Stir milk or stock into mixture to moisten and hold stuffing together. Use to stuff crown roast of pork. Or place in a greased casserole. Bake in 325 degrees F oven for 1 hour.

Makes 3 cups stuffing.

Holiday dinners are always winners with a handsome ham – stud it with cloves – glaze it with melted apple jelly – serve it hot or cold. Ham is perfect fare for party buffets and family feasts.

You can be sure your ham will be top quality if you buy a Canadian ham processed by a Canadian meat packer. That bargain ham may be a disappointment. Remember branded ham processed here in Canada will be superior to a cheaper imported product.

Holiday Fare

Entertain sometime this holiday season with a buffet featuring Seafood in a beautiful chafing dish. Lift the lid of the dish and delight in the aroma of delicious lobster, rosy shrimp, crab meat and delicate mushrooms floating in a savory sauce heightened in flavor with seasoned salt and nutmeg. Seasoned salt has become a staple in our spice cupboard. It adds so much intriguing flavor to casseroles, stews, soups, sauces, meats, poultry and fish. It is a blend of salt and as many as seventeen spices and herbs. Use it as you would regular salt in hot entrees.

A harmonious complement to any seafood dish is our Herbed Rice. It may be baked in the oven or cooked on top of the range. It is spiked with Oregano, the herb that adds the continental touch to Italian dishes. Marjoram may be substituted for Oregano.

Refreshing relishes of crisp carrot curls, radish roses, cherry tomatoes and strips of celery complete this appetizing buffet picture.

Seafood for the Chafing Dish

(6 servings)

Double or triple this recipe as desired.

- 2 cups medium cream sauce
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1 tablespoon instant chopped onion
- ½ teaspoon dry mustard
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ cup dry sherry
- ¼ cup pimiento strips
- ½ lb. button mushrooms

OR

- 10 oz. can mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons margarine
- 1 can (4½ oz. to 6½ oz.) shrimp
- 1 can (5 oz. to 6 oz.) crab meat
- 1 can (5 oz.) lobster
- Green onion tops

Make sauce in medium size saucepan using seasoned salt instead of ordinary salt. Add next 5 ingredients. Saute mushroom caps gently in margarine for 5 minutes. Add to sauce along with seafood — be sure there are no pieces of shell in crab meat. Transfer to chafing dish or serving casserole and sprinkle with green onion tops. Heat to bubbling and ladle over Herbed Rice to serve.

Herbed Rice

(6 servings)

- 1½ cups chicken bouillon (use bouillon cubes)
- 2 cups packaged pre-cooked rice
- 1 teaspoon instant chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon celery seed or flakes
- 1 teaspoon parsley flakes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon oregano or marjoram
- 1 tablespoon margarine

Measure broth and add water to make 2 cups. Combine all ingredients in a shallow quart casserole. Cover. Bake in a moderate oven of 350 F. until all liquid is absorbed — about 20 minutes. Use to accompany creamed dishes such as our Seafood for the Chafing Dish.

Merry Christmas

Here comes Santa Claus and friend laden with season's wishes to our many fine customers. A happy holiday to all. Thanks.

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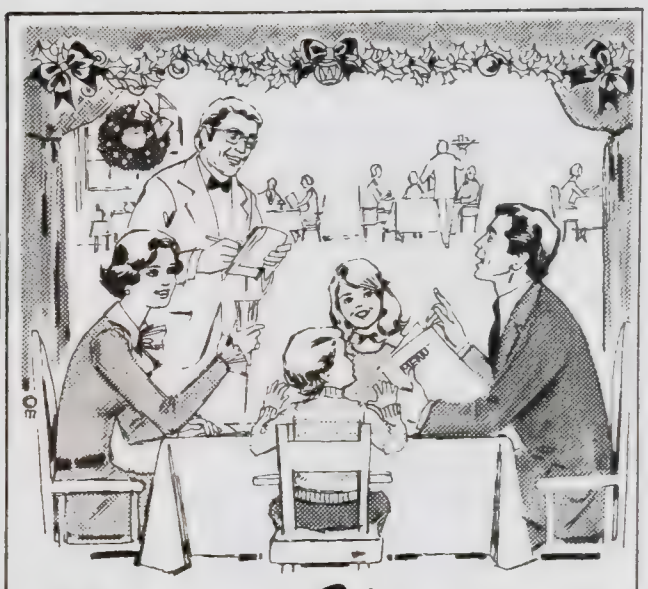

Merry Christmas

It's time for family feasting . . . and time for us to say thanks for patronizing our establishment. Happy Holiday!

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Carol at Christmas

Good King Wenceslas
Good King Wenceslas looked out,
On the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about,
Deep, and crisp, and even;
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
Gathering winter fuel.

"Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,
Bring me pine-logs hither;
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither,"
Page and monarch, forth they went
Forth they went together;
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.

"Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how;
I can go no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, my good page:
Tread thou in them boldly;
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or power possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray.

(Refrain:)
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Jewry,
This blessed Babe was born,
And laid within a manger,
Upon this blessed morn.
To which His mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn.

From God, our heavenly Father,
A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by Name.

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoic-ed much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding,
In tempest, storm and wind;
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
The Son of God to find.

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace:
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface.

O Little Town Of Bethlehem
O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.

"To you in David's town, this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign;

"The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid."

Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels, praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin, and never cease."

Deck The Hall
Deck the hall with boughs of holly,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la,
'Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.
Don we now our gay apparel
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la, la, la,
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.
See the blazing Yule before us,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.
Strike the harp and join the chorus,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.
Follow me in merry measure,
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la, la
While I tell of Christmas treasure,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.

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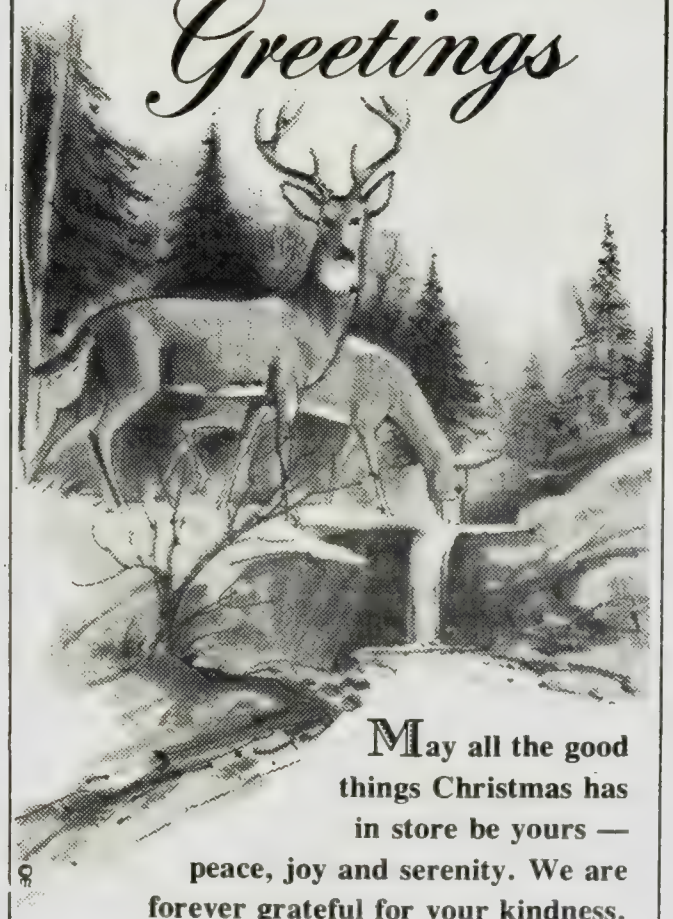
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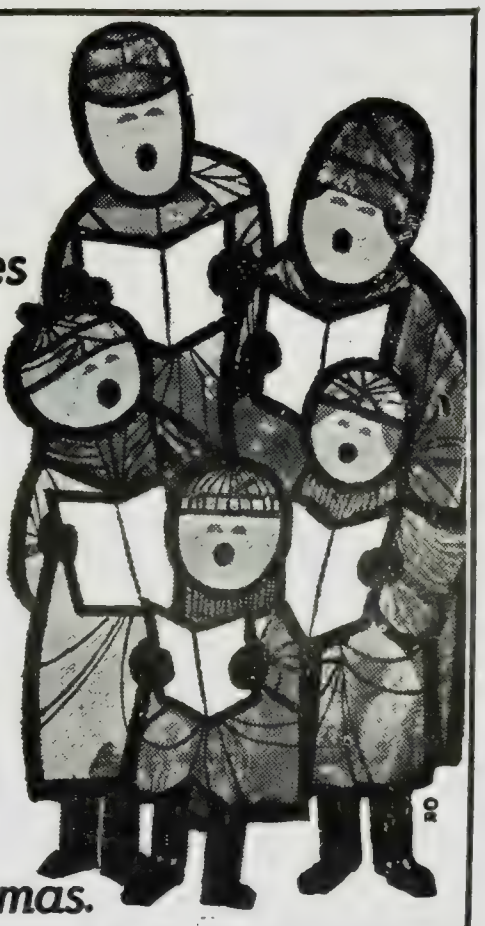
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Silent Night
Silent night! holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Silent night! holy night!
Son of God love's pure light;
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Away In A Manger
Away in a manger,
No crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing,
The Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus;
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side
Until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me for ever,
And love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven
To live with Thee there.

Jingle Bells
Dashing through the snow in a one-horse
open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go laughing all the way,
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight.

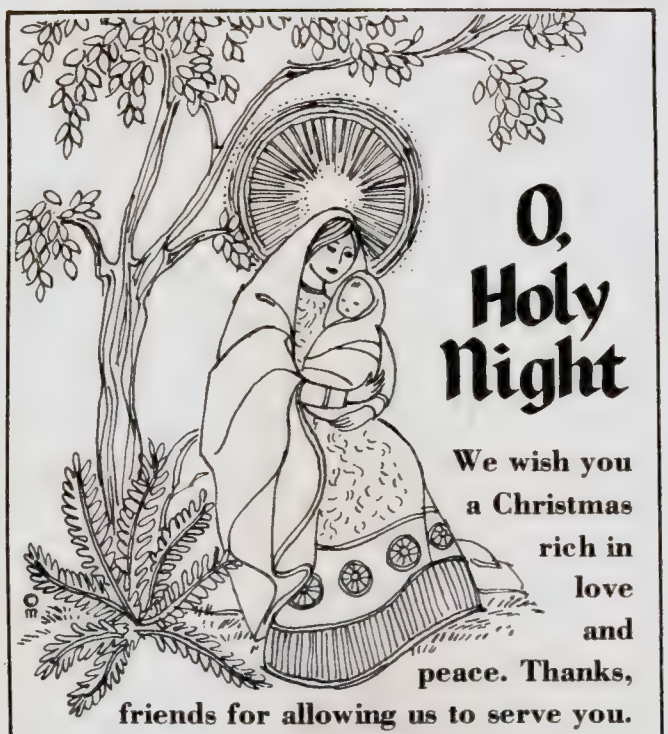
(Refrain:)
Jingle Bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

O Come, All Ye Faithful
O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels:

(Refrain:)
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God
In the highest:"

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be glory given!
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:



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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."

(Refrain:)
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail, the Incarnate Deity,
Pleased as Man with man to dwell.
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace.
Hail, the son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

The First Noel
The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields
as they lay;
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

(Refrain:)
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.
Born is the King of Israel.

They look-ed up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear
It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good-will to men
From heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

But with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way,
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing.

GREETINGS

We want to join Frosty and wish all our friends the merriest holiday ever! Thank you for everything!

Reg Booth - Don Booth

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THE GHOSTS OF

Christmas eve in 1875 was cold and rainy.

Shoppers were busy along the strip of mostly wooden stores and restaurants on King St. between St. James's Cathedral and Bay St. Christmas trees, which Queen Victoria had helped make popular, were often seen but greenery garlands in the good old style were everywhere.

For 10 cents, a shopper could pick up the Canadian Illustrated News, a weekly published in Montreal from 1869 to 1883. Each year it published special Christmas illustrations.

At Christmas, 1875, Canada was eight years into Confederation; Sir John A. Macdonald had been forced to resign over the Pacific Railway scandal, and the 75,000 or so residents of Toronto were building their city into a centre of commerce.

Newspapers boasted of the "stately mansions" on Jarvis St. and the four railways—the Northern, the Grand Trunk, the Toronto Grey & Bruce, and the Great Western—that were opening up districts such as Muskoka and channelling trade to Toronto.

But a depression, which started two years earlier in the United States, caught up with Canada in 1875, and times weren't easy. Various trade unions, made legal by Parliament only in 1872, were pressing for a law against employing children under the age of 10 in factories and for a half-holiday on Saturdays.

About the same time, the city commissioner had to order a landlord to improve his buildings on King St. between York and Simcoe Sts., a row of 18 tenement houses served by two wells in the street. He also was pressed to take action against one Mrs. Gleeson, who kept four cows, two pigs and 30 chickens in a cottage on Queen.

Here is a glimpse of Christmas past, rich and poor.

Christmas Eve Under Difficulties

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Plants add flavor to festive season

Flowering plants can add to the festive flavour of your home during the holiday season. With proper care, some Christmas plants will last through the year until they can be planted outdoors in the spring, says T.J. Blom, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food horticulturist.

One attractive flowering plant is the azalea, native to Asia and a member of the rhododendron family. It takes about two years to grow a cutting into a marketable plant. Mr. Blom suggests azaleas be kept in a sunny place but at cool temperatures (10 to 15oC). Although they may do well in warmer temperatures, too much heat may cause withering. With optimum conditions and frequent watering, azaleas can survive through the winter to be put in the garden in late spring.

The Christmas cactus, also called lobster or crab-claw cactus, is another traditional Christmas plant. Although the plant requires plenty of light, direct sunlight should be avoided - especially in the spring. To ensure that the plants have a long life, the soil should be kept moist but not wet, and temperatures should be cool.

The most common Christmas plant is the poinsettia. As they range in size and color, they can be used as centerpieces on coffee tables, or as floor plants for decoration. The bright-colored leaves (or bracts) are traditionally red, but are also available in white and pink. Poinsettias should be kept in a cool, well-lit location, free from drafts. Changes in temperature will cause the leaves to drop off.

Poinsettias can be kept over the year to flower again next Christmas if they are put in continuous darkness for 12 hours a day, eight to 10 weeks before you wish them to flower.

Cyclamen, available in shades from white to red, should also be kept in a cool place free from drafts, and should be watered thoroughly when necessary.

Another popular Christmas plant is the chrysanthemum. Once in bloom, it can be kept anywhere in the house even in low-light areas. This plant should be kept in a cool place, and should be watered thoroughly when the soil becomes dry to the touch.

A Christmas pepper plant will not only serve as an attractive decoration, but can also add zest to the dinner plate. According to Mr. Blom, peppers from the plant are edible and can be fried, dried or eaten raw. In caring for a pepper plant, less water is required than for other Christmas plants; but it should not be allowed to dry out. With proper care, this plant will live all year round.

When watering Christmas plants, Mr. Blom recommends using melted snow or rainwater at room temperature.

TEACH YOUR CHILD ABOUT THE REAL CHRISTMAS

With all the bustle and buying the Yuletide brings, many people — particularly children — have a hard time trying to find what Christmas is really all about. But there are ways you can help your child understand this happy holy-day!

1. Christmas is sharing. Teach your child to share with others by letting him contribute from his own savings to Christmas baskets, Christmas seals, the street-corner Santa or some similar charity. Let him help you share the beauty of Christmas with your whole neighborhood by putting up the shining strings of colored lights about the house.

2. Christmas is joy. In addition to any parties you may give have a special one with your children as "guests."

3. Christmas is song. Your whole family, and your neighbors, might enjoy an evening of caroling from house to house about the neighborhood, or just an evening at home singing the traditional songs around the brightly lighted tree.

4. Christmas is beautiful. Have your child help decorate the house and send out the cards, perhaps the ones he drew or made himself. Let him help you trim the tree with lights and tinsel and turn your home into a beautiful Christmas light house.

5. Christmas is delicious foods. Start well in advance, and have your children help you prepare all the Christmas cookies, candies, cakes and other treats.

6. Christmas is a time for peace and family togetherness. A day spent quietly at home, together in a warm, well-lighted house can give a child a better insight into the meaning of Christmas than all the presents under the tree.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It brings everlasting warmth and gratitude to our hearts to share the Christmas Season with our wonderful friends.
FROM THE STAFF OF HALIBURTON & MINDEN OFFICES

Bowes & Cocks Limited

Blessings of Christmas

May you be blessed with a joyous and holy Christmas season.

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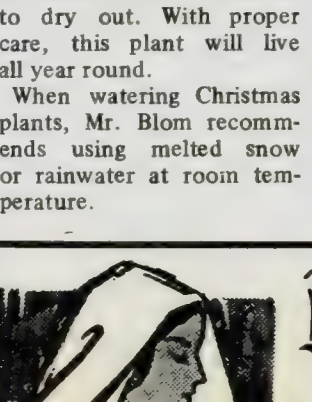
The Earl of Sandwich, inventor of the sandwich in 1744, said that sandwiches should be eaten with "a civilized swallow and not a barbarous bolt."



Seasons Greetings

The season's warm glow is filling the air with happiness and cheer, laughter and joy.
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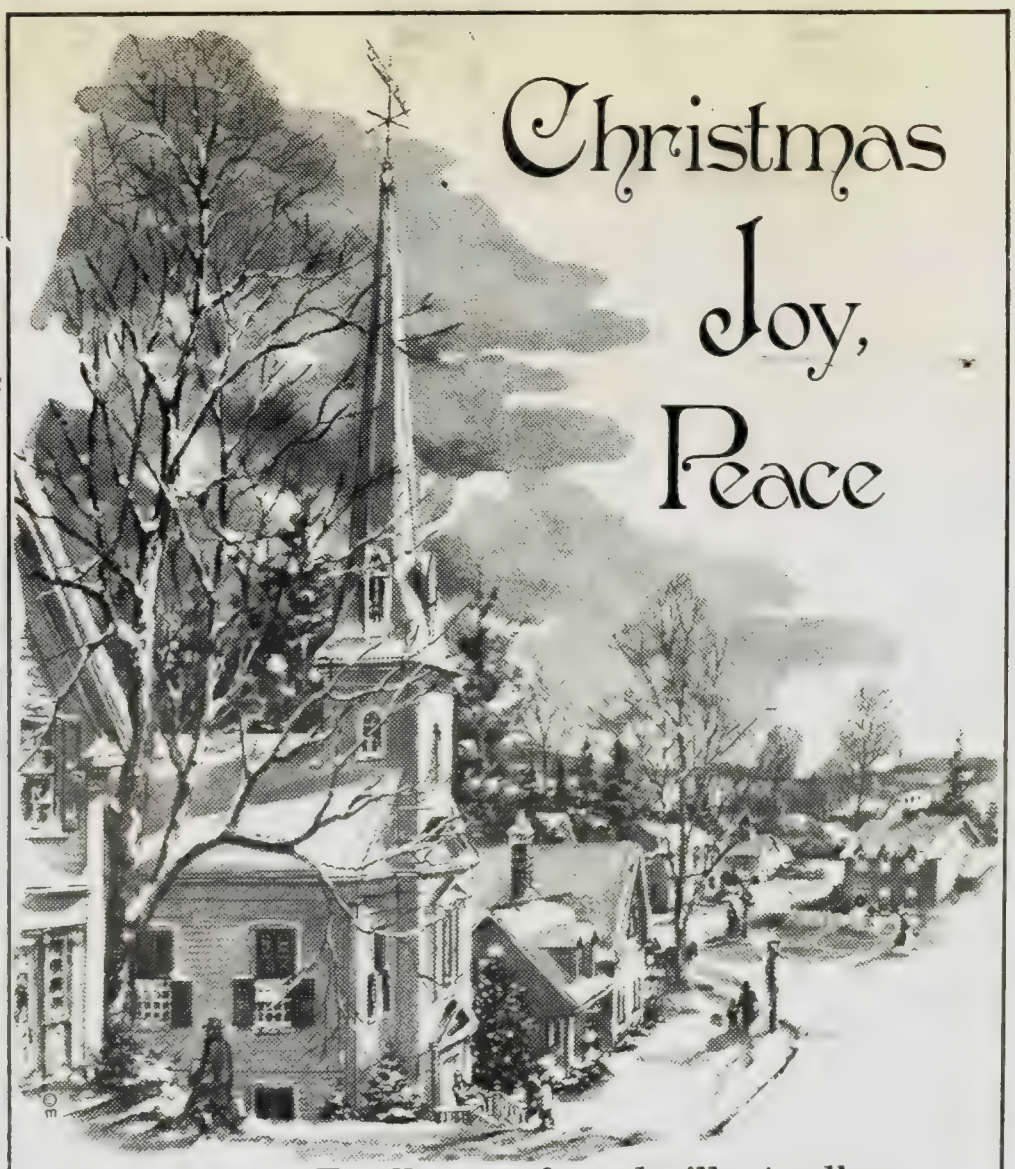

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First Christmas Carols

The first carols were dance songs, or ring songs, sung by villagers around a Maypole, or to celebrate other festive occasions throughout the year, during the Middle Ages. Later they became more exclusively associated with Christmas.

The word "carol" derives from the Greek and Latin word "choraules" meaning "chorus." The phrase, "Christmas Carols" first appeared during the 16th century in England in little songbooks printed by Wynken de Worde and Richard Kele.

DANCE CAROLS — Best examples of these rounds or ring dances are still to be found in Sweden, where people dance around the tree singing many rollicking songs. Elsewhere, dance carols are merely sung, although many of the tunes are known to inspire dancing feet.

SHEPHERD CAROLS, of and about the shepherds to whom the angels appeared, and their coming to the stable with humble gifts are the most human and appealing accounts of Christ's birth. They were sung to accompany the vivid portrayals of this scene in the medieval "mystery" plays, which were common in England as well as all other European countries. Best known today is the traditional English carol, "While Shepherds Watched."

LULLABY CAROLS were among the earliest Christmas songs and like all cradle songs have a rocking, lilting rhythm and a simple melody. "Cradle rocking" carols or "Kindelwiegen" were a part of the church ritual in Germany and Austria.

A good example of this type of carol is the 16th century English carol, "What Child Is This?" which was sung to the 16th century dance tune, "Greensleeves." Another is the 19th century American anonymous carol, "Away In A Manger."

One of the most beautiful of all lullaby carols is the "Coventry Carol," which was a part of one of the English medieval "mysteries." It is sung by a group of women, portraying Bethlehem mothers just before Herod's soldiers slaughter their babies.

CAROLS OF THE MAGI — The arrival of the Magi with precious gifts for the Christ Child is the most picturesque and colorful part of all Christmas pageants. The Magi songs all tell this rich, spiritual story. Among the most familiar of these to Americans is "We Three Kings," the words and music for which were written by John Henry Hopkins, Jr. in the 19th century.

NATIVITY CAROLS — There are many varieties of these. The first hymns in honor of the Nativity were written in Latin during the 5th century, when Christmas was fully established as one of the great church feasts. It was not until the 13th century, when St. Francis of Assisi inspired his friends to write in their native tongue, that Nativity Songs were written for the people to sing. From Italy, these Nativity Songs spread throughout all Europe.

Two of the most familiar of these to us are: "Joy To The World," written by Isaac Watts in the 17th century and the 18th century German "Stille Nacht" (Silent Night) by Joseph Mohr. The original musical called for a guitar accompaniment.

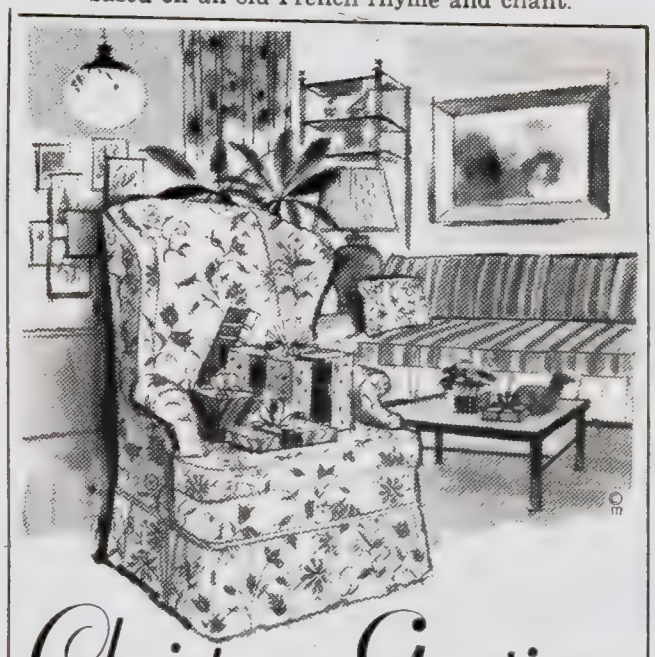
LEGENDARY CAROLS spring from the folklore of people throughout the world inspired by superstitions and pre-Christian beliefs. One thing they have in common is that they all tell a story.

Most well known of these is the traditional English "I Saw Three Ships," "The Boar's Head Carol" both from the Middle Ages, the latter of which is still sung at Christmas dinner at Queens College, Oxford, as the boar's head is ceremoniously brought in. "Good King Wenceslas," written by J. M. Neale in the 19th century is about a fervent Christian Duke of Bohemia.

CAROLS OF CUSTOM deal with pre-Christmas customs that have become attached to Christmas celebrations. For example, the yule log and mistletoe of England go back to the Druids. Decking the halls with boughs of holly and evergreen come from the Hebrews, Egyptians, Romans and other ancient peoples, for whom the evergreens were symbolic of life triumphant over death. The wreath came originally from the ivy crown worn by Romans in Bacchanalian festivals. "Wassail" was the Anglo-Saxon drinking pledge, "Waes-Hael" which means "Be in health" and which was part of Early Saxon feasts.

"O Tannenbaum" (O Christmas Tree) the traditional German carol goes back to the early days of wandering tribes, who would always leave a grove of trees in the middle of the land they cleared.

CAROLS FOR THE TWELVE DAYS — During the 6th century, the 12 days from Nativity to Epiphany were declared a festive season, celebrated in medieval England by many gay customs including, jousts, banquets, caroling and "mumming," which originally was a sort of pantomime dance performed by masked and costumed groups. Best known of these carols are the traditional English "God Rest Ye Merry," and "The Twelve Days of Christmas," which is based on an old French rhyme and chant.



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How the World's Most Famous Christmas Carol Was Written

The world's best-known and most loved Christmas carol — "Silent Night" — owes its existence to a family of pesky church mice who chewed a hole in the organ bellows of an Austrian church more than 150 years ago.

On the day before Christmas in 1818, at Oberndorf, Austria, Franz Gruber, the organist for the Church of St. Nicholas, sat down to practice music for midnight services but found the organ simply wouldn't work at all.

A search revealed a hole had been chewed in the bellows by a family of mice. Since the traveling repairman wasn't due in the town until spring, Franz knew there would be no music for church services on Christmas Day.

But along came Father Joseph Mohr, the town's priest.

"I know we can't use the organ," he said after Franz had told him what happened.

"I was here earlier today and tried to play a few tunes myself.

"But don't worry — I've scribbled the words to a song down on this scrap of paper. They are simple and I'm sure you can compose an equally simple tune to go with them. Then, accompanied by your guitar, we can sing them tonight."

Franz hurried home but doubted that he'd be able to come up with a tune on such short notice. Sitting at his spinet, he closed his eyes and tried to imagine Bethlehem and the manger as it must have looked 1,800 years before that night.

Little by little, a melody stole into his heart and from his heart into his fingers at the keyboard of the spinet.

When the piece was finished, he played the tune through and nodded his head. It was good.

That night in the Church of St. Nicholas, "Stille Nacht (Silent Night)" was sung for the first time by a small group of children, a priest and an organist whose names almost no one remembers today.

When the organ mender came to Oberndorf to repair the organ, he took home with him the words and music to "Silent Night."

Quickly, the carol traveled over Europe, Great Britain and then, eventually, to America.

Today, there is scarcely a place in which the carol is not sung during the Christmas season.

"THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE"

Today, the Christmas tree is a center of our festivities.
Topped with a star, and glittering with lights and ornaments,
it is a part of the beauty and meaning of the Christmas season.
How did the Christmas tree come to play
such an important part in the observance of Christmas?
There is a legend that comes down to us
from the early days of Christianity in England.
One of those helping to spread Christianity among the Druids
was a monk named Wilfred (later Saint Wilfred).
One day, surrounded by a group of his converts, he struck down
a huge Oak tree, which, in the Druid religion, was an object of worship.
As the Oak tree fell to the earth, it split into four pieces,
and from its center there grew a young Fir tree,
pointing a green spire toward the sky. The crowd gazed in amazement.
Wilfred let his axe drop, and turned to speak.
"This little tree shall be your Holy Tree tonight. It is the wood of peace,
for your houses are built of the Fir. It is the sign of an endless life,
for its leaves are evergreen. See how it points toward the heavens.
Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child.
Gather about it, not in the wilderness, but in your homes.
There it will be surrounded with loving gifts and rites of kindness."
And to this day, that is why the Fir Tree is one of
our loveliest symbols of Christmas.

Merry Christmas

The spirit of the season is all around. May you, and those close to you, enjoy all the warmth and good feelings that go with this holiday. We're grateful for your loyalty.

Cam Carey

Vern Gartshore

and Staff

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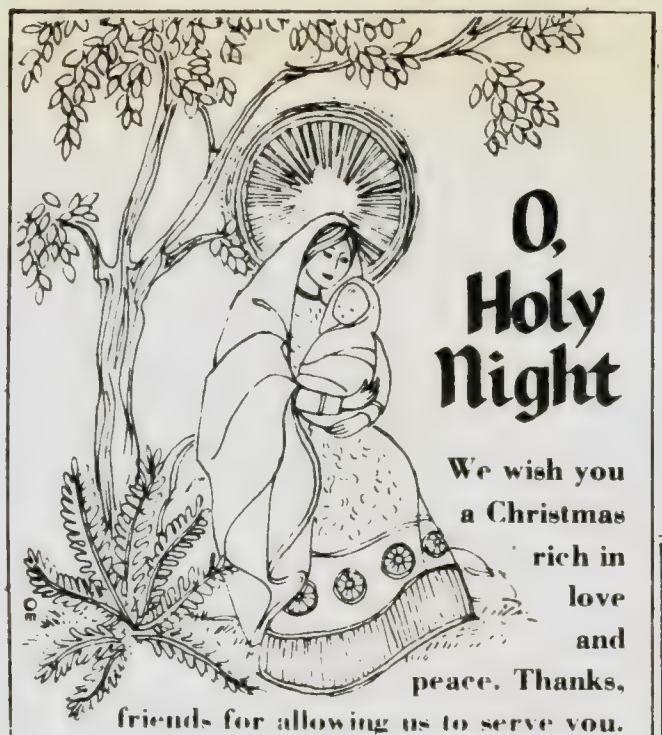

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A Joyous Christmas

May the peace of God fill your hearts with love towards all mankind.

Helen & Lloyd Johnson.

The Christmas Mosaic in Canada

Christmas is a delightfully predictable festival in Canada. Each year families gather together to eat the same food, follow the same rituals and experience the same joy as they ate, followed and experienced the previous year. But that does not mean the traditions of Christmas are without variety.

Canadians trace their heritage to every corner of the globe, and many of their celebrations at Christmas reflect the origins of their forefathers.

The Canadian frontier is revived in the festivities of the Metis, a people of French-Canadian and Indian heritage. Groups in northern Canada still make the buffalo the centre of their Christmas celebrations.

The evening of Dec. 24 kicks off a party that might last as long as two weeks. Somethimes there is a church ceremony, but always there is a large family gathering. Men take their guns into open fields and fire them to signal the beginning of the season.

Gifts are exchanged around the fire, and family members wear their finest clothes–including Metis sashes and moccasins.

The traditional feast is a reminder of Christmases past, and only the best will do. The most tender part of the buffalo is served, together with wild deer and moose meat. Berries, potatoes and wild rice complement the meat dishes.

When appetites are satisfied, singing, fiddling and dancing go on through the night, often taking the form of contests. Those who have enough energy, can go horse riding the following day–until the celebrations resume in the evening.

Christmas in French–Canadian homes is also based on the traditions of early settlers. Preparations begin weeks, or even months, in advance.

On Christmas Eve the mother puts the final touches on the meal, while the older children set up a nativity scene, or creche–usually under the tree. About 11p.m. the younger children are awakened, and the family attends midnight mass together.

The reveillon or Christmas feast is set out about 2 a.m. It is a joyous family reunion, with numerous relatives sharing the fun and food. The reveillon must surpass all other special meals, and nothing s spared.

Delicacies include tourtieres, or meat pies, turkey, vegetables, potatoes, and fruit cake or a Christmas log (a special cake) for dessert. Wines are poured freely for young and old.

After supper, gifts are exchanged and carols are sung around the tree. Party games and dancing often carry the celebration into the wee hours.

European customs have lent a special touch to Christmas in Canada. Traditions are influenced by differences between regions and even small villages in the homelands.

Italian festivities are a good example. Families from southern Italy share a special supper on Christmas Eve, while northerners celebrate the following day. Since Dec. 24 is traditionally a day of abstention, the meal is a meatless one. Various seafood dishes are served, with eel being the most popular. Codfish, smelts and anchovies are fried in oil. Vegetables and fancy pastries complete the dinner, and desserts are made with seasonal fruits.

The entire family attends midnight mass, then returns home for an evening of playing cards.

Children have their day on Dec. 25, when gifts are exchanged in the morning. Though southern Italy has no fir trees, Canadian tradition makes a Christmas tree a must. Little people visit the nativity scene at their parish church. And homemade spaghetti is usually prepared for the afternoon meal.

Northern Italians serve "panettone", a breadlike cake with raisins, at their noonday breakfast.

One custom common to both northern and southern Italo-Canadians is the visit of the"Befana" is a Latin abbreviation of Epiphany, the day of the wise men's visit to Bethlehem. Legend has it that good children receive gifts from an old woman who carries a sack. Those who misbehave get nothing but a chunk of coal.

German and Austrian-Canadians spend Christmas Eve with the immediate family.

Austrian families love to serve breaded filet of sole. This dates back to the days when fish was a luxury for an inland people. Hot spice wine and a variety of fancy homemade cookies put a finishing touch on the dinner. Everyone attends church together after supper.

Then the beautiful tree-lighting ritual begins. The youngest child recites a short prayer, and the family sings Silent Night in German. Anyone who plays a guitar or accordion is invited to accompany the singers. The tree dazzles as it is lit for the first time, a reminder of the days when real candles were used. Everyone joins in the merriment of giving out the Christ child's gifts.

In German-Canada homes, Dec. 25 is a joyous family celebration, highlighted, if possible, by a visit to Grandma's. Hers is a special tree, decorated with handmade ornaments, marzipan and chocolate treats that are there for the eating.

The Christmas feast includes goose or duck, a roast pig, sauerkraut and potato dumplings. Desserts are sure to satisfy and sweet tooth–Black Forest cake, Christmas raisin loaf, and special cookies baked a month in advance. Each child is given a colorful plate of goodies to nibble during the day.

Estonian customs have also been transported to Canadian soil, and are shared with the immediate family.

Church services begin the celebration on Christams Eve, and during this time Santa arranges gifts under the tree.

Feasting begins about 8 p.m. Blood sausage is served with pork roast, sauerkraut and various types of rye and other breads. The hearty farm fare includes root vegetables like beets and carrots, and dill pickles. Dessert is a dried fruit compote, and the traditional vodka is served throughout the meal.

The children's favorite time, however, is after dinner when a family member dresses up as Santa and distributes gifts. Each child recites and Estonian poem or sings a song, memorized painstakingly weeks before Christmas.

Dec. 25 is a quiet day, set aside for visiting friends and enjoying leftovers from the Christmas Eve feast.

Canada's Dutch immigrants spend the Yuletide season quietly. Gifts are exchanged about two weeks earlier on St. Nicholas Day, Dec. 6. This is a children's holiday, and they still hang their stocking "by the chimney with care".

St. Nick was a third century bishop known for his generosity. English colonists in New York eventually adapted his name to Santa Claus.

Christmas Day is spent with the family. In accordance with Canadian customs, turkey and vegetables are usually prepared for dinner.

Colorful Polish and Ukrainian customs have also found their way to Canada. On Dec. 6 St. Nick leaves each child a present under his pillow.

Polish festivities begin Christmas Eve when the first star appears in the sky. With that, the Christmas feast is under way.

A blessed host of unleavened bread is shared among family members, and good wishes are exchanged. The white tablecloth covers a layer of hay, reminding everyone of Jeasus birth in a manger.

Since no one should be alone at Christmas, an extra place is set at the table. Legend says that any weary traveller could stop by and feel welcome at once. A figure of the Christ child is somewhere on the table, sometimes in the centrepiece.

The dinner itself is a hearty one. Traditionally there were 12 courses, representing the 12 apostles.

Borsch, a beet soup, begins the meatless supper. This is followed by jellied fish and "pierogi" -- dumplings stuffed with potatoes and cheese or cabbage. Fancy cakes and sweets complete the meal.

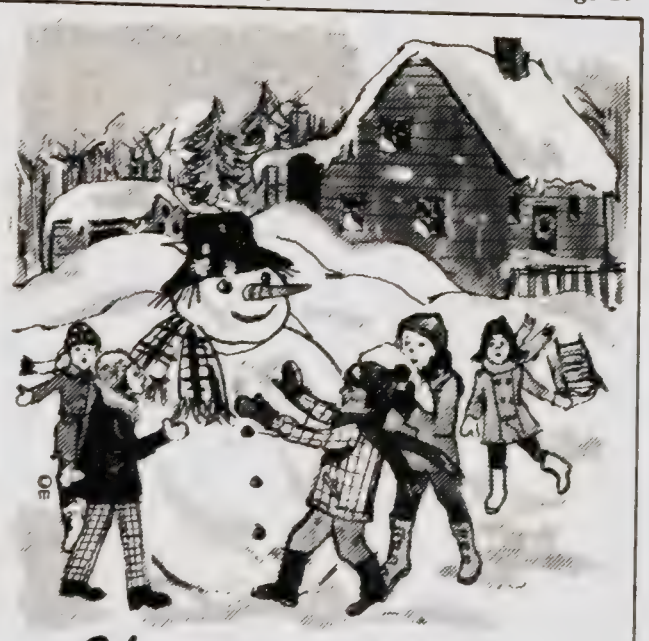
The youngest child gets the privilege of distributing the gifts after supper. Homemade ornaments adorn the tree. The family gathers to exchange stories, then usually attends midnight mass together.

Christmas Day means a chance to visit and, perhaps, share a traditional Canadian turkey dinner.

Almost the same rituals take place in Ukrainian homes, but not until two weeks later. The Julian calendar moves Christmas celebrations to Jan. 6.

Just for this special occasion, "kutia" is prepared. This is a delicious dessert of cooked wheat kernels and poppy seeds, sweetened with honey. The father serves the "kuta", wishing each family member in turn a Merry Christmas.

All these traditions combine to make Canada's Christmas mosaic the celebration it is. Canadians young and old join to mark a season of peace and goodwill.



Christmas Wishes

We're hoping this will be a warm, happy holiday . . . filled with lots of cheer! Our gratitude for your kind support.

Welch's Country Market
Maple Lake

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. JOHN 3:16

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GREETINGS

To all our friends and patrons we wish the Merriest Christmas ever. Your loyal support has been deeply gratifying. Have a happy holiday.

Linda and Jim of
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THE LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS

The history and meaning of Christmas have always gleamed with light. The Wise Men followed the light of a star to the manger in the Holy Land, which was already ablaze with candles celebrating Chanukah, the Jewish Festival of Lights.

The starry skies of a Christmas night so impressed Martin Luther that he went back home and hung candles on his Christmas tree. It was the first time, some authorities insist, that the tree was trimmed with lights.

In America, Christmas lights are a time-honored tradition and only once have they been banned — last year, to focus attention on the energy crisis. The ban has been lifted, however, and Christmas 1974 should be ablaze with lights to heighten a joyous national spirit.

Strung around doorways and windows — indoors and out — and, of course, festooning the Christmas tree, will be the traditional decorative lights that make Christmas truly festive for millions of Americans.

In many homes, particularly on the Atlantic seaboard, candle-shaped lights will appear at the windows on Christmas Eve. This lovely ritual, borrowed from Ireland, is intended to light the Holy Family on its way.

We can thank the dazzling lights of Christmas for another seasonal bright spot, the singing of *Silent Night*. It's said that the stars and candlelight of a Christmas midnight inspired Austrian minister Joseph Mohr to write the words of the carol in 1818. His countryman and fellow cleric, Franz Gruber, set them to music.

Another source of Christmas light illuminates this old French legend, a child-pleasing explanation of how the robin got its gaudy chest. It seems that an early bird charitably used its wings to fan the fire that kept the Christ Child warm as he lay in his manger. The glowing heat of the flames reddened the robin's breast, and it stayed that way forever after.

Though we've borrowed so much seasonal regalia from other lands, some of the world's most colorful customs have yet to be imported here. A shining example is the Mexican *posada*, held on each of the eight nights prior to Christmas Eve. Carrying candles and figurines of Mary and Joseph, members of a family go from door to door seeking entry. Turned away by each of their neighbors, they're admitted to the last house on their route, where they enter and sing their thanks. Next night a different family goes forth, and so on, until the cycle is completed.

Some Yuletide ideas, however, are better left abroad. We'd hate to follow the lead of the British Parliament that banned Christmas altogether. It happened in 1644. When Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan followers came to power they looked askance at the gay and noisy celebration that had become a Christmas custom. One traditional item that particularly incensed them was the Yule log, a huge tree that was burned throughout the holiday. It had been the focus of seasonal revelry since the pagan sun-worshipping rites of ancient Britain, which had also taken place in late December. That was enough for Cromwell, who banned the whole Christmas celebration as "immoral sun-Worshippe."

There's no telling how dour and sour old Oliver would have reacted to our modern Christmas, with its blazing glory of Yule lights strung above the main thoroughfares of most American towns. In New York, for example, a three-mile row of lighted Christmas trees — right down the center of Park Avenue — traditionally leads to a huge cross of lighted windows high in a towering skyscraper. And traditional, too, is the mammoth tree in New York's Rockefeller Plaza, towering at least 64 feet above the admiring crowds and illuminated by more than 3,000 electric outdoor Christmas lights.

This Christmas America should be shining from one end of the land to the other — shining with hope and joy and the traditional decorative lights!

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THE HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

Ever wonder, as you hang festive lights on the branches of that prize pine or spruce, who trimmed the first Christmas tree? Or when folks first "discovered" Santa Claus? Or who sang the first Christmas carol?

Some Christmas customs are surprisingly recent, while others date back beyond the earliest Christians. But the

Yuletide we know — complete with gifts under a gaily lighted tree, friends calling to admire the sparkling decorations, family reunions — has existed for only the past 200 years.

To our ancestors of several centuries ago, Christmas was a time of solemn rejoicing and deep religious dedication, with little of the modern gaiety. The New England Puritans actually forbade joyous Yuletide demonstrations!

New Englanders and other Americans eventually followed the lead of New York's Dutch settlers and succumbed to the charm of "San Nicolaas" — better known as Saint Nick or Santa Claus. But the jolly gent had a flourishing career long before he reached our shores.

More than 1600 years ago there was a St. Nicholas — a Turkish bishop whose countless works of charity made him a legend in his lifetime. Martyred in 342 A.D., he became the patron saint of children and of three nations: Greece, Holland and Belgium.

As for the Christmas tree, it's still the center of attraction in many homes — a place of honor rooted in history. Thousands of years before the first Christmas, the evergreen was revered as a symbol of long life and immortality. German tribes brought fir trees into their homes to please the god-like spirits they thought inhabited the trees. When these pagans converted to Christianity, they transferred their feeling for the evergreen to the new religion.

Next time you hear "Deck the hall with boughs of holly" — a song that dates back to the Middle Ages — remember the origin of Christmas carols. The word "carol" means "to dance in a ring", and the man who popularized the practice was the beloved St. Francis of Assisi. To bring the Christmas message vividly and directly to his villagers, most of whom could not read, the 13th century saint arranged a manger scene using real people and

animals. When the villagers came to see it, St. Francis led them in joyous celebration — in "caroling."

So this holiday season as you make your home ready with a decorated tree, glittery ornaments and shining lights, you can feel a kinship with people through the ages who kept the glorious traditions of Christmas aglow.

Time for merriment and fun, for family gatherings, for caroling . . . time to say thanks to all our customers and friends who make doing business such a pleasure.

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CHRISTMAS

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Christmas lighting tips

Turning off Christmas lights before retiring is not only a good safety practice but also a wise energy conservation measure, according to Ontario Hydro.

In or der to conserve energy, Hydro and the Ministry of Energy are both appealing to householders to wait until after the dinner hour to turn on Christmas lights, and to make sure they are turned off again at bedtime.

Hydro itself will have a modest outdoor display at its Toronto head office location and the same practice will be followed in its seven regions across the province. Decorative lighting will be turned on after 7.00 pm and off by midnight.

Hydro's electrical inspection department notes no one can blame shoppers for trying to squeeze a little more out of their Christmas budgets this year, but warns of ignoring potential hazards concerning older festive lighting supplies.

'An annual danger is that some householders will try to 'make do' with Christmas tree lights and outdoor displays which have already been used for several seasons', Jim Little, supervising electrical approvals inspector, says. 'If your lights have been used before, examine them carefully, especially around the base of each socket, and discard any set that has worn insulation, damaged sockets or a faulty plug. Attempting to repair light sets by splicing or taping worn wiring can be dangerous', Mr. Little warns.

'Wehn buying lights and appliances, shoppers should check to be sure they bear the CSA mark of approval', he adds. 'Lights approved for indoor use should never be used outdoors'.

Trings of lights should be securely fastened and cords should be positioned so that they cannot be bumped or tripped over. Plugs should not be overloaded with two or three sets of lights.

Leaving a light socket empty after removing a burned out or broken bulb can also be hazardous. The empty socket may tempt an inquisitive child to put his finger in the socket and receive a severe shock.

Care should also be taken when using metal reflectors or metallic garlands on trees. They can become live if they contact an empty socket or damaged wire.

One hazardous product which appeared on the market this season is a plug-in chirping ornament for Christmas trees. It has now been removed from store shelves on the order of Hydro's inspection staff.

The ornament is a 2-3/4 inch open mesh plastic sphere which contains a piece of aluminum foil, a tiny speaker and an electronic circuit package having exposed live 120 volt terminals.

'The foil could contact the live terminals and create a definite shock hazard'.

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A Christmas Message

Desiderata

Found In Old Saint Paul's Church, Baltimore; Dated 1692

GO PLACIDLY AMID THE NOISE & HASTE, & REMEMBER WHAT PEACE THERE MAY BE IN SILENCE. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT SURRENDER BE ON GOOD TERMS with all persons. Speak your truth quietly & clearly; and listen to others, even the dull & ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud & aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain & bitter; for always there will be greater & lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue & loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees & the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors & aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery & broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

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Yuletide Symbols

THE star that you hang on the tip of your tree, the mistletoe that Janie fastens hopefully at the doorway—these and other symbols of Christmas have reasons for being.

Legends about the Christmas tree abound. The Druids are said to have worshipped trees around them thousands of years ago. Gradually the tree took its rightful place among the symbols of worship.

In Scandinavia the people once idolized trees. When they became Christians they made trees part of Christmas festivities.

Another legend holds that the first Christmas tree was seen in a vision experienced by an English missionary named Winfrid. Later he was called Boniface. It happened about 1,200 years ago when he was going through northern Germany. One day he stumbled on a group of non-believers huddled at an oak tree. They were preparing to sacrifice a little prince, Asulf, to the god Thor.

Winfrid stopped the ceremony and chopped down the oak. As the tree fell, a young fir tree appeared. Winfrid interpreted this as the tree of life, saying it represented Christ.

The custom of decorating homes with green branches actually harks back to the days before Christ's birth. Romans exchanged tree branches for good luck at the start of January. The English copied the custom, associating it with Christmas. An old English rhyme explained it this way:

"Holly and ivy, box and bay, put in the church on Christmas Day."

Christmas decorations remind us of old beliefs. In England people kept a sprig of holly in the house after the holidays to protect the house against lightning. Mistletoe was likewise kept in the house as a guard against witches. People in rural areas were known to wear a bit of mistletoe tied in a tiny bag about the neck as a witch repellent.

Greetings

Holiday time is aglow, in the hearts of young and old. Add to its warmth our bright "thank you."

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Joe, Eileen, David, Kevin and Andrew

The Christmas fireplace

The Yule Log is still a traditional part of Christmas for many Canadians. While it may have lost some of its original meaning, the feeling of peace engendered by a crackly fire in the fireplace is unchanged by time.

The Ontario Safety League offers these suggestions to ensure a safe Yule fireplace: Check the flue before lighting a fire. A clogged, dirty or broken flue can cause dangerous chimney fires.

For many the traditional natural log has given way to the manufactured paper and wax fireplace log. These long-burning logs provide hours of colorful, clean enjoyment if properly used. Follow the directions on the packaging to the letter. Keep a bucket of water and some sand close at hand. Never burn more than one log at a time. Only after the first log has burned away is it safe to add a second. Place the manufactured log at the rear of the fireplace. Once it has been lit, don't poke it -- bits of waxy paper can stick to the poker and continue burning. A mantel festooned with boughs, stockins and assorted ornaments may look beautiful in a picture, but in reality - if you're planning a blazing yule fire - it's asking for trouble. Remember, the poem reads 'The stockings were hung BY the chinmey WITH CARE'. Don't dispose of wrappings and boxes in the fireplace and never try to get rid of the tree that way once Christmas has past. The fireplace is not designed as a quick disposal unit.

The Ontario Safety League hopes you enjoy your traditional Christmas -- safely.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We take this opportunity to extend warmest wishes to our many friends. Hope you are heading for the happiest holiday season ever!

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A Joyous Christmas

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Is There a Santa Claus?

The most famous editorial in the world was one which appeared in 1897 and was entitled: 'Is There a Santa Claus?'

It has been translated into every language and reprinted in every quarter of the globe since it appeared 79 years ago in the New York Sun.

The question was asked in a letter to the Sun by 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon of New York City, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Philip F. O'Hanlon.

Virginia died at age 81 in a New York nursing home in 1971. But the classic answer to her letter, written by Sun editorial writer Francis Pharcellus Church, still endures.

It is said that Church reluctantly undertook the assignment, but his fine craftsmanship produced an editorial which will continue to endure as long as youngsters ask: 'Is there a Santa Claus?' Here is the editorial he wrote:

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

'Dear Editor:
'I am 8 years old.
'Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
'Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.'
'Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?
'Virginia O'Hanlon, 115 West 95th Street'

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart a baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the super-natural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.